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# **Ex-health** boss gives a warning over clinic

CLOSING a walk-in health centre could be a 'major mistake' unless GPs are guaranteed to pick up the slack, the shadow health secretary has said during a visit to Dudley.

Andy Burnham visited under-threat Holly Hall Clinic, which health bosses are proposing to shut.

Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group believes the £1.4 million contract with health care firm Primecare

health care firm Primecare could be better used giving people longer and later people longer and laccess to their own GPs.

people longer and later access to their own GPs.
Currently around 50,000 people a year use the clinic, which is in Stourbridge Road. The clinic sees people without an appointment between 8am and 8pm in the week and up to 10pm at weekends.

Mr Burnham, health secretary in the last Labour government, visited the clinic alongside Dudley North MP lan Austin and Natasha Millward, Labour candidate for Dudley South.
Mr Burnham said: "It's obvious how valued this centre is We're seeing walk-in centres close all over the country. That's a major mistake because accident and emergency departments are already under extra pressure.
"Mv message is that they

pressure.

"My message is that they must tread very carefully if they are going to tinker with an established service."

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### **Ring and Ride** facing crisis

STRIKE action is looming at the charity that runs Ring and Ride services. Trade the charity that runs Ring and Ride services. Trade union Unite warns it will consider action over reduced hours for 20 schedulers who handle calls from the public. West Midlands Special Needs Transport, which runs the door-to-door bus, could lose a chunk of its funding as transport author-

funding as transport author-ity Centro makes cuts. Residents can have their say in Dudley on Saturday when Centro chairman Councillor John McNicholas and staff will be in Stone Street Square, from 9am to 3pm.

# **POCRISY JIBE** BENEFIT CUTS

accused of 'hypocritical politics' by failing to follow the results of a consultation when hard-pressed families demanded proposals to cut council tax benefits be scrapped.

But the Labour administration of Dudley Council hit back at their Conservative opponents for voting for even harsher cuts than initially tabled.

Thousands of households

Thousands of households in Dudley will pay up to an extra £85 a year in council tax under new reforms.

Around 17,000 families would be affected by the changes which will hit those who get help to pay their council tax.

#### Scrapped

Tory Councillor Tim Wright, speaking at Monday night's full council meeting, said: "Talk about disingenusaid: Talk about disingenti-ous politics, or hypocritical politics – the party opposite said they would go out and consult, and consult and consult, which they have

consult, which they have done.

"Have they listened, no."
It comes after the government scrapped the national council tax benefit scheme in April, leaving local authorities to decide whether residents should get money off

get money off.
Councils have been given
a 10 per cent cut in funding

for the new scheme.

Councillors drew up proposals on whether to absorb council tax cuts, or reduce payouts by either 8.5 per cent or 20 per cent.

#### Report by **Andrew Turton**

Around three quarters of people who responded to the consultation demanded payouts remained at the same level.

But Dudley Council's leadership is pursuing plans to implement a 8.5 per cent cut to benefits payouts – with pensioners, disabled and children, pensioners and lone parents with a child under five receiving some protection.

This arrangement could be extended past 2015 but may also rise to 20 per cent.
Opposition Conservative party leader, Councillor Patrick Harley, said the authority should have looked at a cut of 20 per cent immediately.

looked at a cut of 20 per cent immediately.
Councillor Pete Lowe, cabinet member for finance, previously said the council had no option. "It is frustrating and it is not something that we would want to do by choice but we have no option after the decision by the Government," he said.

Fairytale VIPs Lucy Evans and Oliver Watton, stars of this year's pantomime at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre officially open Santa's Grotto at Dudley Zoo with a little help from Santa himself and from Echo the Owl

Fairytale visitors open grotto

PANTO stars brought a touch of fairytale magic to the grand opening of a traditional Santa's Grotto at Dudley Zoo, watched by hundreds of children and their

hundreds of children and their parents.
Former Coronation Street actress Lucy Evans and her pantomime co-star Oliver Watton visited Dudley Zoo on Tuesday to cut the ribbon on the popular annual attraction
They have the lead roles of Princess Beauty and Prince Daniel in this year's pantomime at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre.

They arrived at the zoo in full fairy-tale costume to meet with families taking a tour around the grotto, which has been given a Sleeping Beauty theme this year.

They were welcomed to the zoo by Father Christmas and barn owl Echowith the bird perching on Lucy's arm for the grand opening.

#### **Palace**

Part of the 11th century castle has been transformed into Sleeping Beauty's Palace complete with an animal forest, antique spinning wheel and even a wedding scene.

The grotto will run until Christmas we with demands for tickets already

Lucy, better known as barmaid Lauren Wilson in Coronation Street, said she was very excited to open the

grotto.

"This is the fifth year I have played Sleeping Beauty in a production. I have been asked to open a grotto before but this one is extra special," she said.

"It is not often a grotto is actually

"It is not often a grotto is actually based in a real castle and that adds an extra touch of magic.

"It has been great meeting with everybody."

# **Crossing** for road near fatal accident

A NEW pedestrian crossing near the spot where a man was killed after being hit by a car is to go ahead – despite the axe falling on proposals for a new bus station nearby. Dudley Council won cash for the £650,000 traffic light-controlled crossing on the dual carriageway in Pedmore Road, near the Merry Hill Centre, as part of bus service improvements. The family of 53-year-old taxman Chris Clarke, who died in April as he walked to work at the HM Revenue & Customs at The Waterfront, called for a crossing to be installed on the busy road after the tragedy. People living off Pedmore Road have also been campaigning. The crossing scheme – near the site of the former Robin Hood pub – was originally due to link with a 23 million new bus station at Merry Hill, which has been shelved by transport bosses as being too expensive.

But the council has revealed that the crossing will still be installed while a £450,000 scheme to intro-

revealed that the crossing will still be installed while a £450,000 scheme to introduce bus priority measures at the junction of The Boulevard and Mill Street, Brierley Hill, will also happen.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for transportation, said: "Dudley Council will still be introducing a traffic light-

introducing a traffic light-controlled crossing on Pedmore Road."

### Protest over care home

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to protect a care home due to be given away took to Dudley Council House steps to vent their anger on Monday.

Dozens waved placards to condemn cutbacks ahead of a Dudley Council meeting.

New Bradley Hall care home, in Kingswinford, will be released by the council. The council says it wants a 'not-for-profit' organisation to take over and 13 groups have shown interest. Adult services boss Councillor Dave Branwood says the move ensures a future for move ensures a future for the Compton Drive home.

#### Police launch drink-drive blitz

MORE than 100 breath tests a day will be carried out in a bid to catch drink-drivers during the Christmas campaign. Up to three roadside operations will take place across the West Midlands each day as police target law-breakers putting others' safety at risk. West Midlands Police has received the support of charity Crimestoppers, which is offering rewards of up to £200 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of a driver under the influence of drink or drugs.







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# Starving dog hardly had strength to stand

STAFFORDSHIRE bull terrier-boxer cross Lou was skin and bones and barely had the strength to stand by the time RSPCA officials found her in a stinking kitchen – even though a bag of dog food was discovered in the front room.

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The man who should have been feeding the dog claimed she was just 'a bit skinny' even though the animal was up to a stone below ideal weight. The ordeal led to behaviour problems which meant the animal had to be put down by the RSPCA.

Usmaan Hussain, aged 24, of Buffery Road, Dudley, admitted causing unnecessary suffering

and failing to make sure the animal was provided with a suitable clean environment between April 3 and May 1. Dudley magistrates adjourned sentencing until January 6 for reports.

Mrs Gaynor Sutton, prosecuting, said the RSPCA gained access to an address in Spring Gardens, Dudley, on May 1, where they could see the dog was very thin. RSPCA Inspector Julie Lyons said the property 'stank'.

Mrs Sutton added: "A police officer who attended described the dog as barely able to stand and shaking uncontrollably. The floor was

running in urine and the officer formed the impression the dog was eating her own faeces as

Impression the dog was eating her own taeces as she was so hungry."

Mrs Sutton said Lou was 'emaciated' but a bag of dog food was found in the front room of the property. Hussain told the RSPCA that the owner had asked him to look after her after moving out because a boiler had broken at the property. He said he 'might have missed the odd day' of feeding her.

Mr Jahangeer Aslam, defending, said Hussain had called the friend, who sometimes also went in to feed Lou, to tell him that the dog was thin.

# Mother of victim urges judge not to jail driver

"I STILL wait for Samantha to come to the door - but it doesn't happen," says heartbroken mother Deborah Jennings.

"I look at her picture every night, I can't believe she is not there. I feel like a part of me has died with her."
These are the heartbreaking words of a devastated

Report by Alex Ross

ing words of a devastated mother consumed by grief since her beautiful daughter Samantha was tragically taken away in a car crash aged just 26.

But, despite still mourn-

aged just 26.

But, despite still mourning for her precious girl, Mrs Jennings has bravely shown mercy to Samantha's boyfriend, the man who caused her death.

At Worcester Crown Court last week she asked judge Patrick Thomas QC not to give Thomas Whitehouse an immediate jail term.

#### Cannabis

Whitehouse, aged 23, of Burns Close in Stourbridge, lost control of his Vauxhall car and crashed into a wall and then a tree on the A449 in Cookley in December last

year. Samantha, who was sat in the front passenger seat, was pronounced dead less than an hour after the crash at 1.15am.

Whitehouse had smoked cannabis but it was unclear when or how much he had consumed and he has no rec-

consumed and he has no recollection of the crash.

He fractured his pelvis and both legs, one of which had to be amputated as a result of the crash.

While recovering in hospital in January he was visited by footballer David

by footballer David Beckham and actor Ray Winstone.

Winstone.

After pleading guilty to causing death by careless driving and possession of cannabis, Whitehouse was handed a four-month prison sentence, suspended for 12 months, by Judge Patrick Thomas QC.

During the hearing, Mr Paul Whitfield, prosecuting, said Mrs Jennings did not want Whitehouse to receive an immediate prison sen-

oudge Thomas said: "She (Mrs Jennings) has expressed a view as to sentence and is entitled to express that view." But she can't take that burden from the judge whose task it is to make it." Mr Gurdeep Garchedefendies Judge Thomas said: "She

whose task it is to make it."

Mr Gurdeep Garcha,
defending, said Mrs Jennings had remained in
contact with Whitehouse's
family since her daughter's
death. At the hearing, she
sat next to the defendant's
mother.

Mr Garcha said: "They
have comforted each other —
it speaks volumes about her

it speaks volumes about her as a human being.
"She has found it within

"She has found it within herself to forgive White-house for what happened."

The court heard how Samantha, a care worker for adults with severe disabilities, had been in a relationship with Whitehouse.

She was the mother of two sons now ared 10 and nine.

sons, now aged 10 and nine, from a previous relation-

ship.
Mr Whitfield said: "They Mr Whitfield said: "They had a loving relationship and Samantha Jennings told her mother she was in love with Tom Whitehouse and he treated her better than any other man she had

But tragedy was to strike But tragedy was to strike after Whitehouse had taken Samantha to the German market in Birmingham on December 8. On return, they socialised with friends in



Samantha Jennings was thrown from car

Stourbridge before going for a drive with Whitehouse's best friend Leander Mock.

While driving back to Stourbridge on the A449, Whitehouse lost control on a right-hand bend, mounted a curb and rotated, hitting a sandstone wall and then a

tree.
Police estimate he was travelling at 76mph. Samantha was found 42ft from the

Mr Mock was found wan-something was wrong. They dering near the scene of the were sat down and told their crash. He suffered minor mother had gone to heaven injuries. None of the people

in the car were wearing seat Mr Whitfield described the

Whitehouse leaves Worcester court

to be with grandad."

Mr Whitfield read parts of

a victim impact statement made by Mrs Jennings. In it, she said: "I dream of

Mr Whitheld described the effect of Samantha's death on the family. He said: "At happened to Saman-dam Deborah Jennings got the news of the tragedy, her expression was her life then fell apart. When the boys were woken up they knew have to bury her child."

# **Drug deal** brothers in 70mph car chase

A PAIR of drug-dealing brothers from Dudley who were caught after a police car chase ended in a crash have been jailed.

Shairaz and Shahbaz Hussain were on the police wanted list, not for drugs offences but for the suspected kidnap of a 17-year-old girl, Stafford Crown Court heard.

Officers on patrol in Dudley on April 5 spotted them in an Audi and pursued them at speeds of up to 70mph along roads with a 30mph speed limit.

Deals

#### Deals

The chase ended in Himley Road when the Audi clipped a Mercedes car driven by a woman in her 70s. Shairaz, who was driving, lost control and the car left the road.

Police searched the vehicle and found a cache of drues on the passenger side

drugs on the passenger side – crack cocaine and heroin with a street value of between £300 and £400. Judge Amjad Nawaz said the drugs were packaged in 'street-sized deals, ready for

sale. Shairaz Hussain, 25, of Himley Road, Dudley was jailed for 63 months after admitting two charges of possessing drugs with intent to supply, aggravated vehicle taking and dangerous driving. He was banned from driving for two years. His brother, Shahbaz, 28, of the same address, who also admitted two drugs offences and was jailed for

offences and was jailed for 53 months. Both brothers admitted a

Both brothers admitted a charge of common assault on the teenager.

The court heard they had bundled her into a car when she came to their home on January 17. The defendants initially faced a charge of kidnap but the judge recorded a verdict of not guilty on that count.

# **Subway to** open store

SUBWAY is to open a second shop in Stourbridge – inside a revamped shopping complex, creating 15 jobs, bosses have said.

The branch of the sandwich chain will open in the Crown Centre in Stourbridge on December 16.

Bosses at the company say its other branch in the town, in Foster Street, will remain

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# home of a postman

A POSTMAN under suspi-cion of stealing mail was caught in a trap set up by security chiefs.

Tracking devices were planted in two packages in Arron Williams's postbag, which led Royal Mail offi-cials to his home in Brook Crescent, Wall Heath.
When his home was searched, investigators found 13 greetings cards, three 'birthday' cheques totalling 240, a gift card and 25 Euros.

Williams acred 29 admit

Williams, aged 22, admitted stealing 13 postal packets belonging to Royal Mail Group Ltd between April 21 and July 9.

#### Sentencing

Dudley magistrates sent him to Wolverhampton Crown Court for sentencing on January 9.

Mr John Dove, prosecut-ing, said Williams joined Royal Mail in May 2010, working from Kingswinford delivery office but came

delivery office but came under suspicion over nondelivery of items, so Royal Mail gave the go-ahead for surveillance on him.

Two packets, each including a tracking device, were put into his bag. On his way back to the office, the devices showed the packages were now at Williams' home.

Mr Dove added: "He was targeting greetings cards, which tended to be larger, more colourful and distinctive – and postmen know

more colourful and distinctive – and postmen know they are likely to contain money or items of value."

Williams, who resigned from Royal Mail in July, told the investigators he had become upset when his dop had to be put down. He bought some cannabis and then owed money, which was why he stole.

#### Man, 24, in court after gun found

A MAN has appeared in court charged with firearm and drugs offences following a raid on a house in Dudley.

Officers searched an address on Corser Street on November 28 finding drugs and a leaded Ownerity of the control of the cont

and a loaded 9mm pistol, a silencer. ammunition. silencer, ammunition, mobile phones and cash, Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court heard on Saturday.

Stefan Rattray, 24, of Attington Drive, Eve Hill, faces nine charges.

He was remanded in custody to appear at the court again on March 3.

# Bag bugs led to the Family tributes to GP who died after crash of the sing hospitel treatment that the state declinated the state of the sing hospitel treatment that the state of the stat



Dr Liz Pope - 'terrible loss'

THE family of a GP who died hours after declining hospital treatment when her car overturned in a crash has paid tribute to a 'much loved' wife, daughter, sister, aunt and friend.

Dr Elizabeth Pope, 38, died just hours after the accident near Halfpenny Green on November 27. Her car, an Alfa Romeo Giulietta, overturned but she chose to go home rather than hospital after being assessed at the scene by emergency services. She had appeared 'relatively uninjured' but died at her home in Claverley within two hours.

Despite being diagnosed with a hole in the heart six years ago and later with thyroid cancer, which saw the removal of her thyroid gland, she played hockey, went horse riding and was a keen gardener with her husband Trevor.

She volunteered for the London 2012 Olympics, where she was appointed to the Olympic Village GP group, helping many athletes

and others. Her family said her death had 'left the world a much darker place'.

They said: "We are so very grateful we have been able to share in the life of this lovely, happy and energetic person who lit up our world, who loved us and whom we love.

#### **Enthusiastic**

"As we acknowledge with her death a light has gone out in our world, we also know for Liz the true light is still shining and the darkness has not extinguished it. May Liz rest in peace and rise in glore."

glory."
Stoke-born Dr Pope was described as an enthusiastic sportswoman and a devoted Christian. She studied medicine at Leicester University and after graduating married Trevor Pope, from Bridgnorth, and lived in Tasley.

Her career took her to Shrewsbury Royal Infir-

mary before moving to Somerset where she worked as a GP.

She moved back to Shropshire seven years ago and became a GP partner in the Three Villages Medical Practice for Amblecote and Wollaston.

A statement for Three Villages practice said: "Her commitment and enthusiasm for the practice, patients and her wider professional interests was infectious. She will be very sadly missed by her colleagues, patients and her many friends. Our thoughts are with her family at this painful time as we all try to come to terms with her untimely loss."

thoughts are with her family at this painful time as we all try to come to terms with her untimely loss."
Dr David Hegarty, chairman of Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, added: "Our CCG and the GP community has suffered a terrible loss. Liz not only showed tremendous commitment to her own patients and practice, she gave the same commitment to improving the quality of care for everyone in Dudley."

#### Over The Edge wins best brew

A VILLAGE brewery is celebrating having one of its beers voted the best in the West Midlands for the

the West Midlands for the second year in a row.

Judges at Dudley Winter Ales Pair at Dudley Town Hall gave the Campaign for Real Ale's West Midlands champion beer of the year title to Kinver Brewery for its 7.5 per cent strength Over The Edge. Runner-up was Blythe Brewery near Rugeley for its porter Johnsons. Over the Edge also won the barley wine or strong old ale category.

ale category.

### Santa flys in to

Support charity
FATHER Christmas will
be making a flying visit to
a grand fundraising fair in
Stourbridge on Saturday.

Stoubridge on Saturday.
The event is from
10.30am at Age Concern,
in the Elton Centre at St
John's, Stourbridge, to
help raise awareness of the
services offered by the
organisation. There will be
items produced by those
attending the centre's
craft classes.
There will also be a
raffle, tombola and other
refreshments. Admission
will cost 30p.
Getting together

#### **Getting together** for singing carols

CHRISTMAS Together in Netherton will be cele-brated at Netherton Arts Centre on Saturday, December 14 – and admis-sion is free. The event from 7pm will

The event from thin win feature community carols for the family. Local schoolchildren will be per-forming. Refreshments will be available. The musical event is

being organised by Churches Together In Netherton.

#### Mediums attend centre festive fair

MEDIUMS will be holding 15 minute consultations for £5 at Dudley Spiritualfor £5 at Dudley Spiritual-ist Centre's festive fair on Saturday. The free admis-sion event is being held at Buffery Park Community Centre from 10am and 4pm. There will be a variety of stalls and refreshments available.

#### Beacon on course

VISUALLY impaired people from teed-off a morning of golf lessons as part of the 'ActivEyes' project set up by Beacon Centre for the Blind. Golf pros Mark Butler and Richard Challinor put the 14 through their paces at the Mark Butler Golfing

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# Hospital is forced to recruit from overseas

Dudley's Russells Hall - have resorted to recruiting nurses from overseas because of a

recruiting nurses from overseas because of a shortage in the UK.

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust is turning to Europe in its latest search for qualified nurses.

Meanwhile, New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton, is recruiting from India, the Philippines and China.

A recent recruitment drive to take on 18 new nurses at Russells Hall Hospital led to just one appointment.

by Peter Madeley

but only 17 were shortlisted as suitable for an interview.

#### **Europe**

Paula Clark, chief execu-tive of the trust, said: "Due to a national nursing shortto a national nursing shortage, the Dudley Group, like
many other trusts, has been
forced to look overseas to
recruit qualified band 5
nurses with acute hospital
experience.
"We plan to actively
recruit from Europe in the
New Year.
"We recently advertised
18 additional nursing posts

18 additional nursing posts but were only able to appoint one nurse who had the necessary qualifications and experience."

The recent recruitment push attracted 79 applicants

but only 17 were shortlisted as suitable for an interview. Many were then found not to have the experience needed of working in acute healthcare. Although only one was

Although only one was taken on towards the 18 new staff needed, another five were appointed into existing vacant surgical posts.

New Cross Hospital aims to take on 170 staff over the next year as part of a £3.6 million recruitment drive.

But bosses say they will have to recruit foreign staff because of a shortage of qualified nurses in the UK.

Denise Harnin, director of

Denise Harnin, director of human resources at New Cross, admitted taking on nurses from overseas could bring added complications.

### Popular Black Country journalist dies, aged 61

A RESPECTED journalist who spent more than three decades covering the area where he grew up has died suddenly at the age of 61. Dave Lawley was also a former chairman of governors at Tividale Junior and Infants School.

The grandfather-of-one, known for his sense of humour, began his career on the Warley News Telephone, followed by a spell on The Evening Mail before joining the Express & Star's Cradley Heath office in 1977. He spent 30 years at the E&S becoming deputy chief reporter at Sandwell. He went on to be a press officer for Sandwell Council.

**Bus brings down scaffolding** 



AN INVESTIGATION has been launched after scaffolding crashed on to a pavement and busy main road when it was struck by a bus.

A section of Dudley High Street was closed off for more than three hours on Friday after metal poles and wood were sent plummeting.

A man in his 40s suffered minor facial and knee injuries and was taken to Russells Hall Hospital after the double decker bus hit the scaffolding.

Metal scaffolding poles smashed through windows on the number 257

National Express double decker bus, shattering glass on the upper tier fol-lowing the collision. West Midlands Fire service believe the bus, which takes passengers between Dudley and Stourbridge, struck he scaffolding, bringing it crashing down.

#### **Paramedics**

The scaffolding was in place near The Venue banqueting suite opposite the Church of Saint Thomas, known as

Top Church.
Police, paramedics and fire crews were called to the top of Dudley High

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The scene after scaffolding poles were brought crashing down into the road and pavement in Dudley High Street Street at its junction with Stafford Street at 9.50am.

National Express West Midlands spokesman Jack Kelly said: "We will work with the authorities during any investigation into its cause."

Trudie Price, who runs Trudie's New Style in High Street, described the scene. "I just heard this loud bang and I went outside and the bus was there and the scaffolding was in the road," she said. Passer-by Tracey Wollam, 31, who lives off High Street, said: "It was who lives off High Street, said: 'lucky no-one was seriously hurt. "It wa

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of fear and stress people need their comforts, even if the
comfort in question is slowly killing them. The NHS is trying
to root out inconsiderate and unkind nursing, but the new
proposal for a smoking ban inside and outside English hospitals would be plain cruel.

THE truth is out. Immigration Minister Mark Harper
says it would actually be illegal for the UK to limit the
number of Romanians and Bulgarians allowed into the
country. This is why David Cameron has been flailing
around trying to slap a sticking plaster over the regulations by restricting benefits to migrants. The reality is
that we no longer enjoy the most basic legal right of any

that we no longer enjoy the most basic legal right of any nation, to control its own borders. So in what sense are

we still a nation?

INCIDENTALLY, does anyone remember Ted Heath mentioning a borderless continent when he lured us into the Common Market all those years ago? Was it ever explained to the voters by Wilson, Callaghan, Thatcher, Major, Blair, Brown or Cameron? The Libs, Labs and Cons are heading for a right old kicking from Ukip in next year's EU elections. And, for 50 years of lies, damned lies and betrayals, it will serve them all right.

serve them all right.

IN A blitz on cycle safety, 600 officers were stationed at 60 dangerous junctions in London this week. Clearly, they were not all experts on bicycles and the law. Ben Watson was carrying his two little girls in a CargoBike which looks like a cross between a bike and a wheelbarrow when one officer inquired: "Is that bike legal?" As Mr Watson put it: "It thought, well, you're the policeman, surely you should be telling me whether it's legal or not."

BUT then the law is now so complex that no Pc can be expected to know it all. In an idle moment this week, dreaming of next year's sailing, I flicked through the Department of Transport regulations on lighting and number-plates for towing a boat trailer. War and Peace was

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IN ONE of their early sketches lampooning the City, Monty Python flashed the caption ("SATIRE!") on screen in case anyone missed the point. Which leads me on to Mary Portas, the shopping guru who has single-handedly transformed Britain's ailing high streets into stylish, dynamic centres of soaring profits ("SATIRE!"). Her contribution to high-street happiness this week was to surgest that some charity shope says this week was to suggest that some charity shops are "a bit smelly and need sorting out." Just what you want

OVER the past dozen years, in the quest to rid Afghanistan of the Taliban and create a decent society, more than 3,300 Nato troops, including 446 Brits, have been killed and thousands more maimed for life. This week it is announced that Afghanistan's justice ministry wants to introduce nyblic stories to death so the possible for solid

it is announced that Afghanistan's justice ministry wants to introduce public stoning to death as the penalty for adultery. Makes it all worthwhile, doesn't it?

A READER recounts a chilling experience in a power cut which put out all the street and house lights. Bowling merrily down the unlit pitch-black road was a vehicle showing no lights and with no road tax, driver's licence or insurance which was miraculously avoided by other vehicles – a disability scooter. These scooters in the 21st century are like handguns in the 20th century. Something will eventually be done, but only after a large number of people have been killed. after a large number of people have been killed.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

# End of an era as Earl of Dudley dies, aged 93

THE 4th Earl of Dudley, who has died at the age of 93, was part of one of the West

THE 4th Earl of Dudley, who has died at the age of 93, was part of one of the West Midland's most prosperous families. Renowned for his good manners and courtesy, he served during the Second World War and in peacetime was a successful businessman as well as being a skilled amateur actor and poet.

Born on January 5, 1920, William Humble David Ward – known as Billy – was the latest in a family line key to the industrialisation of the Black Country. The Ward family had once lived in Dudley Castle and owned valuable coal assets including Baggeridge Colliery.

During the 17th century the Ward family inherited the title Lords of Dudley and, following damage to Dudley Castle during the Civil War, Himley Hall became the principal family home. The Earl, who died on November 16, was brought up at Himley when the family then owned 30,000 acres in Staffordshire and Worcestershire. He was son of William Ward, 3rd Earl of Dudley, a descendant of Humble Ward, raised to the peerage as Baron Ward in the 17th century. His great-grandfather, the 11th Lord Ward, became Viscount Ednam and Earl of Dudley in

1860. A statue of the 11th Lord Ward stands at Castle Street in Dudley, a symbol of the family's importance in the area.

The Earl's mother Lady Rosemary Millicent Sutherland-Leveson-Gower, only daughter of the 4th Duke of Sutherland, died in an air disaster in 1930.

#### King

During his early life at Himley, the estate hosted members of the Royal family. There was a close friendship between his father and the Duke of Windsor, formally King Edward VIII. The King spent his last weekend at Himley before his abdication in 1936. The Duke became young William Ward's godfather and Himley Hall also entertained the Duke and Duchess of Kent on their honeymoon in 1934.

honeymoon in 1934.

He won a scholarship to Eton and, aged 16, when known as Lord Ednam, an exhibition to Christ Church, Oxford. A highly promising academic career was derailed when he contracted meningitis. His time at university was then interrupted by the Second World War. He saw action and was commissioned lieutenant in the 10th Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales' Own), his

father's old regiment. During 1942 and 1943 he was aide-de-camp to the Viceroy of India. He was wounded in September 1944 serving in Italy.

After the war, Lord Ednam joined the board of Round Oak Steelworks, iwhich had originally been founded as the Earl of Dudley's Round Oak Works in 1897.

He became the 4th Earl of Dudley following the death of his father in 1969.

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He was chairman of British Federal Welder and Machine, which had a plant in Birmingham New Road, Dudley. The Earl was also deputy chairman of Baggeridge Brick Company which was a subsidiary set up alongside the colliery.

He had also sat in the House of Lords as a Conservative until 1999.

He was first married to Stella Cárcano, daughter of the Argentine Ambassador in London, and they had twin daughters and a son, Viscount Ednam, who succeeds as the 5th Earl of Dudley. They divorced in 1961. Later that year he married film star, Maureen Swanson. They had son and five daughters. Until her death in 2011, the couple continued to entertain their wide circle of friends at their home in Kensington.



The 4th Earl of Dudley – Billy Ward to his friends

# No closure but hours may be cut at centres

CHILDREN'S centres in Dudley will not now be closed after council chiefs made a dramatic U-turn in the wake of fierce opposition.

Council leader David Sparks said that no centres in the borough would shut in the 'foreseeable future'. But he warned opening hours and staffing levels could still be reduced as part of the on-going con-

and stating levels count stat of sultation.

The council was considering closing seven of the borough's 20 children's centres to save £2.3 million. But the move sparked a wave of protests from parents of youngsters who use the centres, saying they are a centres, saying they are a l service. Councillor Sparks said it had been clear from the consultation that there was strong opposition to closure.

#### Funding

"It's quite clear that there is no support for the closure of children's centres, in fact there is quite the opposite.
"Christmas is coming up and I don't want young mothers worrying about what they are going to do with their children next year. We are not going to close children's centres and we are going to have a look at how we might be able to build on their role in the community."

Councillor Sparks said the funding gap would be covered by 'organisational savings' across the council such as staff restructuring and he could not rule out job losses. The council needs to make almost £60m of cuts over the next three years. He said that due to the council's worsening financial position, the way children's centres are run would need to be reviewed. need to be reviewed.

Conservative leader Council-lor Patrick Harley said: "We

by Heather Large

have said all along that if they got the children's services budget under control they wouldn't need to shut the

MPs have also welcomed the U-turn. Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris, who U-turn. Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris, who joined a campaign to save the Tenterfields centre in Halesowen, said: "I am delighted that David Sparks has done the right thing, listened to the overwhelming opposition to the closures and accepted that the council's proposals were a terrible idea. Nobody should pretend that there are any easy answers, because budgets are tight, but scrapping the vital services provided by children's centres was not the right way forward."

Stourbridge MP Margot James tweeted: "Good to hear Dudley Council have withdrawn disastrous proposals to close seven out of 20 children's centres, including three in Stourbridge." Dudley North MP Ian Austin said: "I want to make sure that the ones that were deemed to be satellites like Sedgley and Priory will not only have their services maintained but will be strengthened."

Chris Kelly, MP for Dudley South, said the closures 'should never have been proposed in the first place.'

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Centre saved - Parents Julie Pearson and Kerry Wicketts, front, are among those who campaigned to save Kingswinford and Wall Heath Children's Centre

# **Library** is open after a revamp

A LIBRARY has reopened – more than a week ahead of schedule – after a £17,000 facelift.

facelift.

Cradley Library reopened after maintenance, including repairs to the roof and redecoration inside and out.

The library closed on November 4 and was due to be back in business on December 9. During the work, Cradley Community Centre hosted a temporary library service. library service

#### Normal

The library is back to its normal opening hours: Mondays 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 7pm; Tuesdays 9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 7pm; Wednesdays 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm; 1pm and 2pm to 6pm; Thursdays 9am to 1pm and

Thursdays 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 7pm; Fridays 9am to 1pm and 2p to 6pm; Saturdays 9am to 1pm and 2-5pm. Dudley Councillor Stuart Turner, cabinet member for libraries, said: "It's great that the library has been able to reopen ahead of schedule and normal service can resume. Thanks to everyone for their patience while this essential work was carried out, and thanks to the community centre for to the community centre for hosting a temporary library service for us."

#### **Festive market**

A CHRISTMAS market will be held at the Railway Cafe, near Wombourne, this

near Wombourne, this weekend.
The cafe on the old railway line at Bratch Lane will host the festive market on Saturday and Sunday, from 10am to 4pm, and will feature up to 30 stalls, all under cover.



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#### NEWS

# Man is cut on head in a couple's final row

A WOMAN cut her expartner on the head after chasing him with a knife, a court has heard.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told 29-year-old Lisa Cleaver had been drinking on the night of the attack, during which Simon Rall had to herricade

Ball, had to barricade himself in a bedroom. Prosecuting barrister Bernard Linnemann told the court that the couple had

the court that the couple had got into an argument on February 27 at their flat. He said: "She was to describe him as being controlling and manipulative."

Police

Mr Linnemann said Cleaver, from George Street, Wordsley, took hold of a kitchen knife and pursued Mr Ball. He then barricaded dimself in a bedroom and called the police on his webile.

called the police on his mobile.

Mr Ball was sitting with his back to the door and at one stage Cleaver managed to get her arm around it, waving the knife with which she cut his head.

Defending barrister Mr Philip Brunt said the incident was marked the end of a relationship which had its difficulties.

He added: "The event is isolated."

He added: "The event is isolated."
Mr Brunt also said Cleaver's GP stated that she is suffering from depression and has been prescribed modification. medication.

Cleaver, who had pleaded Cleaver, who had pleaded guilty to assault, was sentenced to 10 months in jail, suspended for 18 months. She was also handed an 18-month supervision order and must pay £500 costs.

# Hats off to the knitters

KNITTERS have clicked away to produce more than 2,300 little woolly hats.

Z,300 little woonly hats.
Supporters of Dudley Age
UK have been busy making
the hats, in the shape of
fruit, animals and people, to
sit on smoothie bottles.
The Innocent company is
doneting 25n from each

The Innocent company is donating 25p from each bottle sold throughout November to Age UK as part of its 'Big Knit' campaign. The bottles with hats are now on sale at Sainsbury's, ASDA, Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose, WHSmith, Boots, Costa and Ocado.

Age UK Dudley's chief officer Sally Huband said: 'We're very grateful that so

"We're very grateful that so many local knitters have got behind the Big Knit."

# Merry Hill bus station plan axed from scheme

PLANS for a new bus station at Merry Hill shopping centre have been scrapped but a bus interchange at Cradley Heath will be given a £1.9 million revamp instead.

The interchange, next to Cradley Heath's railway station, will get the overhaul as part of a wider £10m scheme to improve bus transport in the area.

transport in the area.

But a planned £3m bus station at Merry
Hill has been shelved as it would have been

Hill has been shelved as it would have been too expensive to build, say transport bosses. Under the approved funding programme headed by the region's transport authority Centro, there will be £1. Imillion in highway improvements on The Boulevard, including

a new link road between the centre and the A4306, and Pedmore Road.

Ward councillor Rachel Harris said: "It is an awful shame. It offered a really good opportunity to bring more people into the town centre on public transport.

#### Congestion

"It would have helped ease congestion problems in the area. We need good bus services in the this area as it is highly reliant on buses. Deciding not to go ahead with the bus station feels very short-sighted." She added: "It is a signal that the car is more important than anything else."

Council leader David Sparks said: "It is Council leader David Sparks said: "It is disappointing the bus station will not be going ahead at this time. However, it is great news for local residents that there will be a pedestrian crossing across the Pedmore Road to Merry Hill."

As part of the plans for the Merry Hill bus station, a new building would have been built and the number of serving buses increased bus courted.

increased by a quarter
Centro will now meet Sandwell Council.

bus operators and architects to work out the detail of what commuters at Cradley Heath will see from that work, expected to start in the spring and finish around next Christmas.

Mark Langford, Centro media officer, Mark Langford, Centro media officer, said: "When we first won the funding the dream scenario was to do this at Merry Hill, but the more we looked into it the more we realised it wasn't going to be feasible with the available funding. So we looked into what else we could do and identified that the bus interphage was a good fall back for us.

bus interchange was a good fall back for us to pursue and develop."
Other benefits expected in the £10m scheme include £3.3m on new buses, £1m of scheme include 23.36 on filew bloses, £116 of shelter and information improvements on eight key routes into Brierley Hill, and £700,000 towards the Black Country Swift smart card scheme in Dudley.

# in brief

#### Church is to be officially closed

officially closed
PLANS are being drawn
up to formally close a
grade II listed Anglican
church as a place of
worship so it can be transferred to a community
group, enabling restoration work to be carried out.
St John's Church in
Dudley shut to worshippers in 2002 due to safety
fears but campaigners
want to renovate the
building so it can be used
by the community.
Before responsibility for
the building can be passed
to St John's Church
Preservation Group, the
church has to be closed by
the Church Commissionsee who are now working

the Church Commission who are now working on the legalities

#### Lifeguard training in the Crystal pool

In the Crystal pool
swimmers are being
encouraged to make a New
Year resolution to lean
how to save lives.
Life-saving skills will be
taught at the Crystal
Leisure Centre in Stourbridge with intensive sessions running from
January 6 to 10 between 2
and 10.30pm, with an
exam on January 11 for an
official lifeguard qualification. The course costs
2240. A deposit of £50 will tion. The course costs £240. A deposit of £50 will be required when booking with Nikki Tranter at Crystal Leisure Centre on 01384 812800.

#### Plenty of argy bargy in tunnel

THEY dubbed it 'Argy Bargy' – a dramatic canal rescue as more than 60 rescue as more than 60 firefighters took part in a training exercise earlier this month. Crews from across the West Midlands headed to the Netherton Tunnel in Dudley for the exercise, which simulated what would happen if a narrowboat caught fire.

#### Photo exhibition goes on display

A PHOTOGRAPHY exhibition depicting the heritage of Dudley has opened in Netherton.

The photos are the work of adult learners who have

taken part in courses during the past 12 months. The exhibition is at Netherton Arts Centre until Monday.

#### Road is named for chainmaker

DEVELOPER Midland Heart's 120 home retire ment village next to Homer Hill Park in Cradley will include a road named Benjamin Drive, after chainmaker and council chairman Ben-jamin Hodgetts, who died in 1926.

# Council accused of defying public will over care home

'going against the will of the people' by proposing to get rid of a council-run care home.

Bosses at Dudley Council say they can no longer foot the bill for running costs and £750,000-worth of renovations needed at Kingswinford's New Bradley Hall care home.

after 5,000 people signed a petition demanding the plans were scrapped and a fresh consultation be held.

#### Age.

An independent consulta-tion was led by Age UK Dudley last year with coun-cillors vowing to listen to

views.

The consultation found that 75 per cent of people wanted New Bradley Hall to stay open as a long-term council-run home.

Campaigners were assured they would be part of 'stakeholder' meetings.

But the action group say they were only invited to one meeting in the months before plans to 'transfer' the home were announced in

needed at Kingswinford's New Bradley Hall care home.

But their proposals have sparked a furious backlash by an action group aiming to save the home.

In 2011, the council signalled its intention to shut the home but made a U-turn after 5.000 propose is given at the first state of the first state

Scott MBE said the public had made it clear they wanted the home to stuy under council control.

He added: "They say they will put covenants on the contracts to protect it but what are they really worth at the end of the day?"

A public meeting has been called for Tuesday, December 17, at Kingswinford Methodist Church, in Stream Road, Kingswinford, starting at 7pm.

Stream Road, Kingswinford, starting at 7pm.
Campaigners also dispute council claims that £750,000 of renovations are needed, saying the figures are outdated.
Campaillan Propused

Councillor Branwood claimed that inviting tenders from those offering to run the care home was the

only way forward.

He claimed the decision removed the 'uncertainty' petore plans to 'transfer' the nome were announced in september.

Campaign founder Mac

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# **Councillors moving**

back surgery dates THREE councillors have cancelled advice surgeries in their ward during December because of Christmas engagements. The Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood representatives on Dudley Council would, normally have held the events on the

Budgey Council would normain have near the events on the second and fourth Friday of the month. Instead, the next surgeries for Councillors David Sparks, Bryan Cotterill and Jackie Cowell, will be held on January 10.

They will be at Dudley Wood Adult and Community Centre from 6 to 6.45pm on that date, followed by the Sheltered Housing office in Sheffield Street, Quarry Bank, from 7 to 7.45pm.

#### Festive voices at shopping centre the young singers from Netherbrook Primary won the Best Performer prize

the roof of a major Black Country shopping centre as they took to the stage in an annual festive choir

stage in an annual festive choir competition
Around 30 schools from across the region have been hitting the high notes in the Little Voices competition at Merry Hill in Dudley.
Among the schools taking part was Netherbrook Primary in Dudley, Howley Grange Primary in Halesowen and Moat Farm Junior School in Oldbury.
The pupils sang festive number and

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YOUNG singers have been raising performances have been judged by a the roof of a major Black Country panel made up of Merry Hill staff, business representatives and community

School choir wow the judges

The choirs have been singing their hearts out against each other in a bid for four schools to each win £1,000.

Won

For the first time this year, schools For the first time this year, schools were also in with the chance to win a team-building day at Quest, the family entertainment and adventure centre. Netherbrook Primary from Dudley won the Best Performer category. Wednesbury Oak Primary from

Tipton won Best Newcomer and Westacre Middle School, Droitwich, won Best Choir. Wolverhampton's Oxley Primary won the Judges' Choice.

Primary won the Judges Choice.
Kelly Reed, senior marketing
manager at Merry Hill said: "The
schools that took part in the competition this year were absolutely fantastic
and the judges had a very hard time
choosing the winners."
The choir competition is one of many
events being organised by Merry Hill
in the run up to Christmas. The
centre's 5D Santa's Grotto experience
is at the lower mall by Debenhams
until Christmas Eve.







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#### **NEWS FEATURE**

# IN MY VIEW

BORIS Johnson says tackling inequality is futile because 16 per cent of the population have an IQ of below 85, meaning they will never be able to compete on any land transition. equal terms in the labour market with the two per cent who possess an IQ of 130 or

more. Which is fair enough in theory, but I wonder if it always works that way in reality. Suppose, for argument's sake that one of the 16 per cent with an IQ of less than 85 is born into the sort of background Boris comes from. Finest prep school money can buy too

Boris comes from. Finest prep school money can buy, top public school from the age of 13, and then there's always the option of a bit of private tuition should those pesky O-levels and A-levels get a bit tickly. Then, at the other end of the scale, there is one of the two per cent possessing an IQ of 130 or more, who goes to a 'bog-stan'ard comprehensive' on a sink estate. 'Sadly, he doesn't pick up much from his mixedability classes because Mr Chips is rather preoccupied with stopping little Keanu from setting fire to little Johnnie's hair.

hair.
Which of those two youngsters would you say has the best life chance? Quite.

best life chance? Quite.
But he is right that the best
way to address this unfairness
is to invest in schools which
give bright kids from deprived
backgrounds a chance to compete on a level playing field with those who are privately

educated.

Perhaps we could call them, I

Pernaps we could call them, I dunno, grammar schools or something?

HOW sad to hear about the death of Lewis Collins, better known as Bodie in The Professionals at the area fixed for the story of the sionals, at the age of just 67.

It also reminds us of a time It also reminds us of a time when there were just three television channels, but a vast array of programmes you might actually want to watch.

During the late 1970s you could switch on almost any

could switch on amost any night of the week and watch a fast-paced, British-made action drama. The Sweeney, Minder, Van Der Valk, Shoestring, Target – all right, maybe not Target – all pulled in millions

The stories may have been far-fetched, the effects a bit rough and ready, but who cares? The scripts were spot on, and that's all that really matters.

Now we have dozens of TV channels, and prime-time viewing seems to consist primarily of tone-deaf singers, minor celebrities trying to dance, and a bloke in the jungle who can't tell the time. And they

call it progress.

Contact Mark on Twitter:
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# Rescuer Rudy bows out from an amazing career

LISA WRIGHT talks to firefighter Rudy Parkes who has retired after a long career helping out communities at home and abroad

FROM digging a child out from the rubble of her collapsed nursery in earthquake-hit Haiti, to fighting one of the West Midlands' biggest fires earlier this year, Rudy Parkes has had a

remarkable career.

As a member of West Midlands
Fire Service he has tackled countless
house fires, car crashes and was even on shift on the night of the 1985 Handsworth riots and the Chinese lantern blaze in Smethwick this

But now after three decades of service Rudy has retired.

#### Investigate

During his career the veteran fire-fighter, who ended his service as watch commander at Cradley Heath, and is married to Clare, 40, and father to 10-year-old William, has not only saved lives in the Midlands, but also spent more than 20 years visiting some of the poorest parts of the world to help build schools and community facilities

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He has led more than 50 trips to Romania and six to Tanzania.

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This was alongside his firefighter duties and his role in the International Search and Rescue squad which has included working in earthquake-hit Japan and Haiti.

And it was in Haiti in 2010 that he was

part of a team that carried out his most

memorable rescue.

"We were actually searching a supermarket, there were about 40 of us rescuers and it was around lunchtime.



Rudy receiving his MBE with wife Clare and son William in May of 2012

500 yards, and there was a school that had collapsed. As soon as I got onto the rubble I could hear a little girl crying

That little girl was two-year-old Mia, and fellow West Midlands colleagues, as well as those from Wales and Man-

trapped under a concrete slab beneath the rubble for three days and three

nights, and crews used their bare hands to free the toddler.
Rudy added: "As she came out, her little face was dirty. She went straight to her mother.

"It was quite tense at the time because what you do is you focus. "You have got a job to do and you have to stay focused and each person in that probably the best one I've been involved in."

in."
Rudy's fundraising efforts have ranged from flying to Ecuador in February 2009 to raise money for the Bobby Moore Fund cancer charity - of which Rudy is project manager - with Express & Star columnist Carl Chinn and his colleague Andy Grosvenor, to a 120-mile cance trip down the River Severn to raise money for an orphanage in Tanza-

#### Remote

He has also helped to construct a physiotherapy unit at the Salvation Army's Matumi orphanage in Dar Es

Other exploits have included helping to build an extension to a school in Alto Paraíso, a remote village in Brazil, in

In March the next year he also joined the ISAR squad helping to find the survivors of the earthquake in Japan.

The 53-year-old received an MBE from the Prince of Wales at Buckingham

Palace in May 2012 for his charity work

Palace in May 2012 for his charity work at home and abroad.

As his career drew to a close Rudy was also one of the 200 firefighters who attended the huge fire at Jayplas recycling plant in Smethwick in July, sparked by a Chinese lantern that floated onto the site.

He said: "I've loved every minute, I've got no regrets and I've loved going to work every day and every night."

# THROUGH THE YEARS

**1983...** A SCHOOL held a uniform A SCHOOL held a uniform amnesty to tackle an energy crisis. Codsall High School headmaster Geoffrey Bate told his 1,000 pupils they could wear whatever they wanted to keep warm after a strike by oilmen forced the school to turn its heating system off.

A DEJECTED Father Christ mas was facing up to the prospect of unemployment after prospect of unemployment after his decision to open a grotto in Dudley ran into trouble. Santa, allas Dennis Edwards, had been hoping to set up his grotto at Enterprise Shopping Mall in King Street, but discovered Dudley Council was also planning to lay on its own 'Space Santa' grotto.

WEST Indies cricket star George Headley died aged 74. The batsmen, who also spent three years at Dudley Cricket Club, notched up 2,190 runs in 22 Tests.

#### 1993..

1993...
CONFIDENCE in political leaders appeared to have fallen to an all-time low, if a charity auction in the West Midlands was anything to go by. Signed photographs of Prime Minister John Major and Labour leader John Smith fetched just £5 each at the auction in Great Barr - while a jar of pickled onions was judged eight times as valuable, fetching £40.

PATIENTS awaiting major surgery were having their operations cancelled because Chinese flu victims were were swamping hospital beds. The intensive care units at both the Royal and New Cross Hospitals in Wolverhampton were full.

TERRY Cooper quit as manager of Birmingham City, just 18 months after guiding them to promotion. Cooper, who had got Blues out of the old Third Division, decided to leave St Andrews after coming under fire from fans at a 3-0 defeat against Tranmere.

#### 2003...

A PETROL station in Wolver A PETROL station in Wolver-hampton became the first in the world to install a new anti-theft system which would puncture the tyres of any drivers attempting to make off without paying for their fuel. The 'stinger' was the brain-child of Oldbury inventor Jaginder Singh Mudhar. It had been installed at the BP garage in Stubbs Road, Penn Fields.

TELEVISION debating show Question Time was broadcast from Wolverhampton Civic Hall. Panellists included Constitutional Affairs Secretary Lord Falconer and former Chancellor of the Exchequer Ken Clarke.

PAUL Gascoigne's time at Molineux was over after just six weeks, after he admitted he wasn't capable of playing Pre-miership football.



"A young lad came running up to me and grabbed hold of my arm," said Rudy, who now lives in Wollaston,

Stourbridge.

"Me and [fellow rescuer] Dean
Harris said we would go and investigate. We walked down the road, about



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the Dudley line and the Sutton line.
The Camp Hill line would make a big
profit if a chord was built (a curved

INA supposed age of austerity, £50bn is easily and quickly found for duplicating long distance, inter-city lines that work so well already.

The real capacity issue is in the seven Hours of rush hour from Monday to Hill shopping centre, the Waterfront, bridge, make worse by our two class Is and the worse by the seven Hours of rush hour from Monday in first class.

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Heathens rivals — Wolverhampton.

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### Please don't force us onto unreliable buses

Onto unreliable buses
IT WOULD appear from your paper that those at Centro are
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and Quinton area who are able to travel in comfort by train
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# Typhoon and debt ravage a country

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Haiyan last month.

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debt burden means that 22 million dollars is leaving the country every day to pay off debts – many of which were inherited from the dictator-ship of Ferdinand Marcos in the 1980s. It's more than 20 per cent of the Filipino government's

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# memories of forgotten fields by Andrew Turton

tasies of scoring the winning goal in the cup final or bowling out the Aussies to win the Ashes.

And while the windswept fields and grounds where they dare to dream may be more modest than Wembley or Lords cricket ground, they still hold a special

grounds across the Black Country for more than 20 years.

"It has been a labour of love for me. I played for one or two of the clubs over the years. You would go to work on a Saturday morning then go out to play football or cricket in the afternoon. It was a big part of working life."

Mr Church believes more than 100 football and cricket grounds have disappeared in the south of the Black Country alone. One of his fondest memories is the old Dudley Sports Centre and County Ground, where the Castlegate Business Park now stands off Birmingham Road and Tipton Road.

It was once home to Dudley Town Football Club and Dudley Cricket Club, and Worcestershire County Cricket Club, and Worcestershire County Cricket Club, would also play at least one championship or one-day match a season on the cricket ground.

But after part of the land collapsed in 1985 due to the underground mines the site was condemned and eventually redeveloped. Other notable football grounds inclu-ded the Round Oak Steelworks ground, known as

The Earls, off John Street and Pensnett Road, in Brierley Hill. It hosted many Birmingham Works League games through the 60s and 70s before the famous old steelworks closed in the 1980s. The ground had been used by Dudley Town but it was eventually sold off to be redeveloped as the David Lloyd Leisure Centre.

Nearby Brierley Hill Alliance had played at the Cottage Street ground but this was sold to Asda. Oldswinford FC had played on pitches at South Road, Norton, and had been a successful side.

pitches at South Road, Norton, and had been a successful side. Some grounds remain as they were but stand neglected. Spring Meadow Cricket Club, founded in 1929, had been based in Spring Meadow itself before moving to Saltwells Road, Dudley Wood, and then finally to Garratts Lane, Old Hill. The club folded in 2006.

folded in 2006.

Copies of Lost Cricket and Football Clubs and Grounds of the South of the Black Country can be bought at www.wall-heath.org.uk or from Ashwood Nurseries, Kingswinford. Mr Church can be contacted on 0.1384 292170 or terry on 01384 28 church@btclick.com



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#### **NEWS**

# Hoax 999 caller is facing a £200 bill

A WOMAN escaped a prison sentence after admitting making three inappropriate 999 calls while drunk.

Janet North, aged 56, of Strickley Lane, Gornal, also pleaded guilty to being drunk in a public place after kicking a newspaper kiosk in Dudley town centre.

Dudley Magistrates' Court heard how North made three calls to police dialling 999 using a mobile phone on September 26. After arrest, she told police she did not know why she made the calls

made the calls.

Mr Gerry Vahey, defending, said she had alcohol problems and was now seeking help.

District Judge Graham Wilkinson gave her a six-month community order with supervision and fined her £55. She must also pay £85 costs and £60 victim surcharge.

He said: "That call has to be answered. People like you who make calls when drunk clog up the system. "999 is there for real emergencies and anyone who abuses it can expect to be severely dealt with."

He added that is she continued to abused the 999 system, she would be given a prison sentence.

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North pleaded guilty to persistently making use of com-

# More views sought on future of medical care after closure

responded to consultation on plans to close a walk-in centre, said health as they announced extra

events for patients to have their say.

Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is shutting the centre at Holly Hall Clinic, in Stourbridge Road, Dudley. It has a £1.4 million contract with health care firm Primecare to run

the clinic but bosses say this cash may be better spent allowing people to see their own GPs. An extension to opening hours of practices where out-of-hours services would be available is being considered. A new 'urgent care' centre, based at Russells Hall Hospital, is also proposed.

or online survey.

Extra drop-in sessions on the evenings of December 12 and 17 have been organised. They will take place at Stourbridge Town Hall between 6.30pm and 8pm and at Dudley College's Broadway campus from 6.30pm to 8pm respectively.

Events will also take place between 12pm and 2pm on December 12 at Dudley Council Plus in Castle Street, Dudley. The consultation, which began last month, closes at 5pm on Christmas Fvp.

began last mount.

Eve.
Paul Maubach, chief accountable officer for
Dudley CCG, said: "We are pleased with how the
public meetings have gone so far.

"Responses received have been extremely

decision making process, it's good to see that residents are showing an interest and looking to get involved. I would like to urge residents who have not already submitted their views to take part in

not already submitted their views to take part in the consultation process, and to also come along to one of the remaining drop-in sessions.

"We are trying to respond to what local people have told us they want from their health care system – and the more views we hear the better."

The second phase of the consultation exercise will involve Healthwatch Dudley, which represents the views of patients in the borough. It will carry out an independent patient survey of people attending the accident and emergency department at Russells Hall Hospital and at the walk-in centre.

### Jobs go as movie rental shop shuts

THE Blockbuster store in Stourbridge is to close with the loss of five jobs after administrators for the movie rental chain failed to find a

rental chain failed to find a buyer for the business.

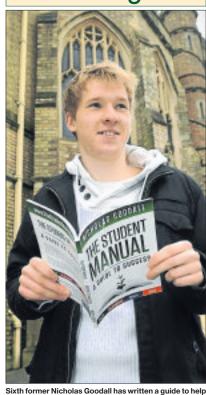
The Stourbridge branch, in Bridgnorth Road is among 30 stores that will be closed, with the total loss of 182 jobs.

It follows the closure of 72 stores earlier this month, including one in West Bromwich, and the loss of 452 jobs after the administrators Moorfields Corporate Recovery were called in.

Moorfields said that no 'acceptable' offers had been

'acceptable' offers had been received for the business.

# Student guide



Sixth former Nicholas Goodall has written a guide to help students achieve success, sold via a website

RELATIONSHIPS, wealth and skills are among topics in a book written by a student to help other teenagers achieve their ambitions.

Nicholas Goodall decided

to write the The Student Manual: A Guide to Success. Manual: A Guide to Success, to share his ideas and experiences with others. The 18-year-old, who lives near Bromsgrove, is currently studying mathematics, further mathematics and physics at King Edward VI College in Stourbridge.

#### **Expand**

He wrote the book over the course of nearly four months before sending it off to be printed.

the book, priced £5, has been

published.

Mr Goodall hopes to expand on this in future and to update the volume as his own experience grows. The manual is designed to be a

manual is designed to be a self-development book looking at four core topics of health, relationships, wealth and skills.

Mr Goodall said: "I am very pleased and proud of the book. I first came up with the idea earlier this year. I wanted to share move yown experiences and also own experiences and also ideas to help teenagers unlock their potential. It can be used by any student at

any college."

Mr Goodall has also set up a website for the book at www.thestudentmanual.com

# Village gets off-peak train link after waiting 50 years

MID-WORCESTERSHIRE MP Peter Luff will wave off the

MID-WORCESTERSHIRE MP Peter Luff will wave off the first train of a new off-peak service being introduced at Hartlebury, near Kidderminster, on Monday.

Villagers claim that the launch of the first hourly off-peak train service in 50 years will help put the area back on the map. London Midland is planning to introduce the new services to and from Hartlebury, between 8.30am and 4.30pm. Trains had only stopped at Hartlebury from Mondays to Saturdays between 6.30am and 8.30am and 4.30pm until about 7pm.

John Rutherford, who lives in Hartlebury and is a member of Stourbridge Line User Group said: "The Hartlebury community has waited a long time for a proper train service."

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# **Secret of tunnels is** discovered as huge drug farm unearthed

farm has unearthed at historic Drakelow Tunnels - 885 plants were seized with a potential to create drugs with a street value of £750,000.

Around 30 police officers, including dog handlers, swooped on the former nuclear bunker site, in the shadow of the Kinver Edge, at Wolverley.

#### Hydroponic

They discovered a network of hydroponic equipment, including heating, lighting and ventilation fans, as well as the plants, when they swooped at around 9am on November 27.

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Earlier, officers from West Mercia and Warwickshire Police executed a search warrant in a dawn swoop on an address in Kidderminster, where a 45-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of money launder.

property. He has been released on police bail until the New Year.

North Worcestershire police Superintendent Kevin Purcell said: "While executing the warrant at Drakelow Tunnels we discovered a large and sophisticated cannabis growing operation and although the plants will need to be tested it would appear that this seizure has prevented a large quantity of illegal drugs ending up on the streets. That in itself is a very positive outcome."

The tunnels have for decades housed dark secrets – from being a mysterious government nuclear bunker to, more recently, hosting ghost hunts in the dead of night.

Drakelow Tunnels were used to manufac.

Drakelow Tunnels were used to manufac Drakelow Tunnels were used to manutac-ture machine parts during the Second World War and during the Cold War the site was designated a centre for local government leaders in the event of a nuclear attack. Workers from Western Power dug up and disconnected a suspected illegal electricity supply to the tunnels complex.

# The forbidding entrance to the mysterious Drakelow Tunnels, near Kinver, which were to be the regional government HQ in the event of a nuclear attack

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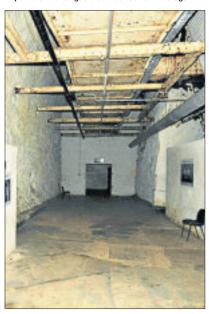
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# ing and being concerned in the production and supply of controlled drugs. A quantity of cash was also seized at that From nuclear bunker to scene of the crime



A police officer on guard at the site after the drugs find



Inside one of the tunnels that makes up the labyrinth beneath Kingsford Country Park

chapter to go down in the folklore of the mysteri-ous Drakelow Tunnels.

folklore of the mysterious Drakelow Tunnels.

The vast network of tunnels beneath Kingsford Country Park, on the fringe of Kinver Edge, has been uncovered as a drug farm.

Neighbours in Drakelow Lane, Wolverley, have been shocked. One woman, who did not wish to be named, and the said: 'A neighbour phoned me about 9.30am and asked what I'd been up to as there were police down the lane. "Then I saw police and dogs, a riot van, four or five marked cars, four unmarked cars and police racing around the compound. A guy from the electricity company then knocked at the door and said someone had been up to no good in the tunnels – they'd been growing cannabis."

Drakelow Tunnels used to be a manufacturing base for machine parts during the Second World War and was designated a 'regional seat of government' in the event

designated a 'regional seat of government' in the event of nuclear attack during the Cold War.

#### Glimpse

In a rare glimpse behind the scenes given to The Chronicle's sister newspaper the Express & Star at the tunnels recently, electrical vehicles used to move components could still be seen, as well as a sickbay and a security booth.

Close by is the 'BBC Room', from which broadcasts would have been made

casts would have been made telling people what was hap-pening after a nuclear attack. A control desk is still place, along with tele-nones from the 1960s and

1980s.
The tunnels were designed by Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners and were excavated from the sandstone hills.
It was to be a factory for the Rover company, who were manufacturing engines for use in the war effort Construction work

engines for use in the war effort. Construction work began in June 1941 but full production did not start at the complex until May 1943. It cost more than £1 million to complete.

During the 1950s, the site was used by the Ministry of Supply for storage. The site was decommissioned during the early 1990s and sold.

Plans have been submitted by the company Quercus

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# Lights, camera, action at museum



# AN EERIE silence befalls the old street of the Black

old street of the Black Country Living Museum.

A dishevelled-looking man shambles along the pavement, briefly colliding with a lamp post before continuing his progress. The driver of a burgundy Morris Traveller revs the engine before driving down the embankment — a clapperboard slams shut and normal chatter resumes.

Filming for a second series of the

Filming for a second series of the BBC1 crime drama WPC56 was taking place at the Dudley museum this week, eight months after the show first went on air in March.

on air in March.

Actress Jennie Jacques, who plays
the lead role of WPc Gina Dawson, and
Charles De'ath who as Sgt Sidney
Fenton is her on-screen nemesis, were
among the cast members filming

scenes in the museum's 1930s-style street. Scenes were also filmed along the museum's canal arm, with the familiar cast-iron bridge forming the backdrop.

Series producer Mike Hobson described the museum as the 'Mid-lands own Hollywood back lot', saying he hoped people would enjoy seeing familiar locations when the show airs.

#### Sexist

WPC56 is set in the fictitious West Midland town of Brinford in the mid-1950s, where Gina Dawson is the first female officer in the local police force, and has to deal with sexist attitudes of colleagues, Sgt Fenton in particular.

De'ath, who plays Fenton, said it was wonderful being back at the museum again, having not only been at the

attraction for the filming of the first series, but also in a film which was made at the museum in the 1990s.

made at the museum in the 1990s.
"I was here about 20 years ago when I appeared in a film called the Feast of July, a Merchant Ivory period drama," he said. "It is a wonderful place, and it has grown so much since then, there is so much more here now.
"I love being in the West Midlands, the people are so friendly."

the people are so friendly."

In recent years the museum has been used as a location for a number of period dramas, most notably the recent gangster series Peaky Blinders, and also jazz-age murder mystery Dancing on the Edge, which starred Hollywood actors Jacqueline Bisset, Anthony Head and John Goodman.

WPC56 producer Carol Harding said it was a superb location for filming.

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# Police bust £1m Black Country drug connection

the streets with cocaine.

But now members of two crime gangs

But now members of two crime gangs have been jailed after being caught shipping the class A drug across the Midlands.

A total of 11 people, including five from the Black Country, have been convicted over the conspiracy which involved the distribution of high-purity cocaine.

The £1 million conspiracy was headed by lir Vogli, an Albanian national living in Rubery, and his second-in-command Graham Hurry from Norton, Stourbridge. They, along with associates Martin Brannigan from Smethwick, and Vogli's brother-in-law Bernard Hopson Vogli's brother-in-law Bernard Hopson from Brierley Hill, formed a supply link with a Derbyshire gang.

A police investigation was launched in

April 2012 and three deriveries of cocame were intercepted. It was estimated that, based on the likely number of deliveries during the conspiracy which dated back during the conspiracy winto dated again to 2009, and by cutting it with other substances, the drugs could have had a street value of more than £1m. Once delivered to the East Midlands, the drug was distributed by the second group.

#### Sentenced

All 11 had earlier pleaded guilty to the charges against them at Derby Crown Court. They were sentenced at Nottingham Crown Court.

ham Crown Court.

Ilir Vogli, 40, from Barrington Road,
Rubery, was sentenced to 10 years and
eight months in prison. Graham Hurry,
42, of Elm Close, Norton, was jailed for 10
years. Martin Brannigan, 36, of Addenbasels Paed Swethwight get our wash years. Martin Brannigan, 30, 01 Augenbrooke Road, Smethwick, got seven years and four months. Bernard Hopson, 32, of Station Road, Brierley Hill, also received seven years and four months. Kevin Brannigan, 40, of Florence Road Wort Proportion

Kevin Brannigan, 40, of Florence Road, West Bromwich, was sentenced to two years, suspended for 12 months. Jade Docherty, 28, of Station Road, Brier-ley Hill, was sentenced to 18 months, sus-pended for 12 months. Wesley Craddock, 33, of Barnes Hill, Weoley Castle, got 22 months

Of those in the East Midlands, Jason Wood, 33, of Clyde Street, Hilton, was jailed for nine years and four months; Khurrum Shezad, 28, of Reginald Street, Derby, seven years and eight months; Matthew Andrew, 25, of Clay Barn, Maplebeck, seven years and four months; and Daniel Atkinson, 24, of Far Back Lane, Farnsfield, five years and four months.









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# Launch of new book looking at the revival of glass skills

well-known Portland Vase and other key highlights in recent years.
The replica of a famous cameo vase is being donated to the British Glass Foundation group. It is hoped the piece will take centre stage at a new multi-million museum built on the former Stuart Crystal works site, known as the White House Glass Cone site.

AN AUTHOR and historian is launching a new book which focuses on the resurgence of the glass industry at an event in Amblecote, the traditional heart of the industry in the Black Country.

Graham Fisher MBE has penned the work, called In Our Time, celebrating world renowned Stourbridge glassmakers. It features details on the project to recreate the well-known Portland Vase and other key lightlights in recent years.

Mr Fisher said: 'The feedback we received following our feature confirmed the tremendous interest in the amazing achievement of the amazing achievement of the glassmaking talents that still abound and our recording in perpetuity of the feat and its participants."

Monies raised by the book are being directed to British Glass Foundation funds. It is available from various local outlets or

It is available from various local outlets or direct from the BGF at bg@britishglass-foundation.org.uk, or by calling 01384 217984. The cost is £3.50 plus £1.50 postage and packaging.

The official launch of the book will be at

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# Barn nativity at charity event promising festive fun for all

PONY rides, a treasure hunt and a nativity in a barn will be among the attractions at a charity's outdoor Christmas celebration.

The 'Christmas Can All'

The 'Christmas for All' event, open to the public, will be held at the Living Springs charity at Barratts Coppice Farmhouse, Bridgnorth Road, Stour-ton, on Saturday from 1pm to 4.30pm. There will be stalls selling Christ-

mas wreaths, cards and clothes and a Santa's grotto.

The charity helps teenage mums and vulnerable families.

HomeStart Dudley will be selling bric a brac and Kinver-based Chernobyl Children's Lifeline has also booked a stall. Chartered insurance brokers Hettle Andrews will be providing a saffle and tombola.

have been making gifts and handmade chocolates to help raise funds and neighbouring farmer Robin Needs has allocated one of his fields for parking. Living Springs founder and Director

Jane Chapman said: "I look forward to seeing the children's excited faces as they visit Father Christmas and I enjoy the fun and bustle of the day."

# **Community order** for postman who viewed child porn

A PAEDOPHILE postman who was found looking at indecent images of children on his computer when police raided his home has

computer when police raided his home has been handed a three-year community order. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that John Smallman, aged 54, downloaded thousands of indecent images of children after responding to a website advert offering DVDs featuring child abuse in June 2011.
When police raided his home in Eveson Road in Norton, Stourbridge, on August 3 last year they found him looking at child porn images on a computer in his study.

Ms Rhiannon Jones, prosecuting said: "When Mr smarred the

# Pervert had images on his phone

A PERVERT downloaded indecent images of children on to his phone within days of being freed from jail.

Anthony Hackett from Adnam, Stourbridge, had been given a suspended prison sentence for a similar offence in January 2012 but was locked up for 18 weeks in February this year after twice breaking the conditions of the punishment, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

#### Release

Release
Police went to the 37year-old's home days after
his release to check if terms
of his Sexual Offences Prevention Order were being
obeyed. They checked his
mobile and discovered 18
indecent images of children
including two from the
second most serious category, said Mr Harinderval
Dhami, prosecuting.
Mr Julian Harris, defending, said: "The defendant
has a thoroughly miserable
life and does not present a
high risk of harm.
"His addiction to alcohol
means that he has very few
friends."
Hackett pleaded guilty to
making indecent images of
children between June 25
and 29 and was jailed for 12
months by Judge Martin
Walsh who told him: "This is
not a victimless crime.
"These are real children

not a victimless crime.
"These are real children

being subjected to real

Smallman answered the door officers could see through into his study room where indecent images of children were visible on his computer screen."

#### **Extreme**

The court heard police seized his computer, two laptops and a number of DVDs, which they found to contain almost 5,000 indecent images and films of children, of which 59 were the most extreme category. His internet search history revealed he had been seeking indecent images.

seeking indecent images.
When questioned by officers Smallman told them he cers Smallman told them he
had used a camcorder to
record images of abuse from
his computer and copy them
onto DVDs.
Mr Andrew Baker, defend-

ing, said Smallman led an unhappy home life and had attempted to kill himself in the months after his arrest.

"He was brutally frank in his admission of guilt to the police and admits the had received gratification from the material," added Mr

the material," added Mr Baker.
Smallman pleaded guilty to 25 counts of possessing indecent images of children.
Judge John Warner told him that he needed to work with the probation service: "You knew clearly what you were doing was wrong and you deliberately sought to access certain websites.
"You are addicted to child sex but I think you are someone with whom the Probation Service can work with."

Smallman was instructed to attend a treatment programme for sex offenders.

# GP hub takes shape



The £8.5m health centre takes shape on the foundry site IT WAS the birthplace of the first steam engine to run on rails in America. And now a famous Stour-

bridge foundry is nearing the start of the next chapter in its history.

Work to convert the derelict former Foster, Rastrick and

Company plant into an £8.5 million health centre, serving 26,000 patients, began in October last year.

The restoration of the Grade II listed foundry building is

The restoration of the Grade II listed foundry building is on track to be completed in the spring.

The site is famed across the globe as being where the Stourbridge Lion steam engine was built. But the building had long been a magnet for vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

A clean-up of the former foundry had to be carried out with unwanted items removed from within the building ahead of conversion work getting under way.

Once completed, the health centre will combine both the historic site and a more modern building.

#### Project

The project is being run by Worcester Street Medical Practice in partnership with Primary Health Properties

Plc.
Bosses at the practice said they were 'delighted' with the Bosses at the practice said they were 'delighted' with the progress being made. They are currently working with the council and transport companies to finalise details about bus routes to the new surgery.

Ward councillor Ian Marrey said: "I've seen it going up and it's a nice building. It's going to a great medical practice"

tice."
When it opens to patients, the centre, off Lowndes Road, will offer a full range of medical services with room for up to 10 GPs.
It will also have an enhanced nursing suite, minor operations theatre and a gym and rehabilitation area.
Other services will be provided at the centre including a pharmacy and there will also be a base for community beath to ten.

Residents have been calling for action to restore the site

for years.

It has been entered on English Heritage's Buildings at Risk register, the 13th time it has appeared on the list. The site has been classified as 'poor'.

# New dawn for site of 150 homes

ROAD names have been announced for a development of 150 homes being built in the West Midlands.
Taylor Wimpey is building the properties on land at Sunrise Business Park in Wollaston, Stourbridge.
Under the scheme 129 three and four bedroom two-storey houses will be built along with 21 two-bedroom apartments in one three-storey block on the site off High Street.

The site, which has now been cleared, was previously home to Sunrise Medical Ltd, which relocated to Thorns Road, Brierley Hill.

Six road names for the site are Nash Gardens, Hyde Mill Drive, Fussell Way, Auron Gordon, Payr Clean

Gardells, Hyde Mill Brive, Fussein Way, Aurora Gardells, Dawn Close and Morrow Way.

The names Aurora, Dawn and Morrow are inspired by the previous owners Sunrise Medical.

Ward councillors have been consulted on the proposals. So far, there have been no objections.

Work began in August on the scheme which is expected to take around three and a half years.

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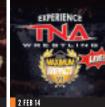
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#### WOLLASTON **ETWG**

CHAIRMAN Jean Latham welcomed 52 members to the November meeting and

welcomed 52 members to
the November meeting and
read the list of apologies.
Two long standing
members, Phyllis Dunn and
Brenda Holmes, are quite ill
at the moment, so best
wishes to their speedy recoveery were expressed by all
members.
The floral art class
enjoyed a day at Hampton
Court Gardens, which was
enhanced by the publication
of a good group photograph
in the winter edition of
Townswoman'.
The coach pick-up point
for Wollaston members
attending the National
Carol Service at Coventry
Cathedral on Tuesday
December 17 is Hagley
Road, Stourbridge, opposite
the Lex Garage. The time of
the pick-up is 945am.
The carol service on
Tuesday December 3, at
Codden Street Methodist

The caroi service on Tuesday December 3, at Cobden Street Methodist Church, starts at 7.30pm, while the federation service on Saturday December 14, at St Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, starts at 2pm

Stourpridge, starts at 2pm.
The speaker for the
evening was Mr George
Hook who gave an interesting talk on his family business, which had, since
around 1820, been involved
in making mother of pearl
items

ittems.

The next meeting, which will double as the Christmas party, is on Tuesday December 10, at 7.30pm, in St James Church Hall, Wollaston. There is a charge of £3.50, which members can pay on the evening.

THE CHAIRMAN welcomed 40 members to the November meeting. She thanked Chris Hicks for the lovely flower arrangement that she had provided for the business table. The arrangements and pick up points for the Coventry Carol service were given and the members were reminded about the Federation Carol service at St Thomas Church, Stourbridge on the December 14 starting at 2.15

2.15.

The social secretary gave the details for the outing to Wightwick Manor.

We will have a guided tour and after a visit to the gift shop, a light lunch. We received lots of invitations to various charity events at Dudley Town Hall.

Our evening's speaker was Mr John Billingham, a retired local teacher and author, who told us about the journey of Our Stour from Clent to Stourport.

We learnt fascinating facts about the geography of our surrounding area.



St Thomas Church in Stourbridge, where the federation's carol service is taking place

Mr Billingham then judged our corsage competition and declared Chris Hicks the

winner.
Our next meeting on December 9 is our

Christmas party.
Meetings are held in the Haven Room,
Halesowen, For Zion Christian Centre, Halesowen. For further information please ring 0121 602

# Speaker Keith's a glass act

November meeting was Keith Cattell whose subject was Light Fantastic – 1000 Years of Stained Glass.

He briefly referred to the history of glass first made by the Romans and Egyp-tians, and then by means of his large collection of coloured slides he

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explained that the term 'stained glass' was usually applied to church windows.

The coloured glass was created by adding mineral oxide powders and the term also applied to

painted glass that had been fused in a kiln.

Showing many examples of religious themes depicted in church windows, from the 13 century windows of Chartres Cathedral in France to the modern window created in Coventry Cathedral, consecrated in 1962.

in 1962.
Visitors are welcome for meetings which take place at the Community centre, High Street, Kingswinford.
Further details from Ron Julian 01384 295848.
There is no meeting in January 2014, by contrast February 3 at 7.30 pm sees Dr Paul Collins taking The Tram from Dudley.

COLIN McShane was our speaker on a bitter November evening. He took us on a virtual tour of his declared "favourite island", Lundy.

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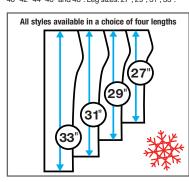
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King	D5754	£54.99	£32.99	D6096	£64.99	£34.99	D6100	£69.99	£36.99
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#### **NEWS FEATURE**

# Nurse's gift of life to niece



Nurse Maudie McHardy, a nurse in Dudley, gave one of her kidneys to her 19-year old niece Maria from Malta, after becoming heartbroken over her suffering after a previous transplant from an unknown donor failed

MAUDIE McHardy could not bear the heartbreak of seeing her orphaned niece suffer — so the Dudley nurse gave the gift of life by donating one of her own kidneys to save her.

Maudie, a leading nurse at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, endured a fourhour operation, five days on a ward and three weeks recovering at home — all for the love of 19-year-old Maria Agius. She says it was the 'best thing I ever didi'.

#### Family

Maria's family has been hit by a kidney disease that killed her brother, Darren, when he was five. The stress of the loss of their son and their daugh-

ter's illness led to the deaths of both
Maria's mother, Lucienne, aged 32,
who was Maudie's sister, and her
father Pawlu, 31. Mrs Agius died
2002, two years after her husband.
Maudie, who was brought up in
Malta, says it demonstrates the toll
that such an illness can take on a
family.

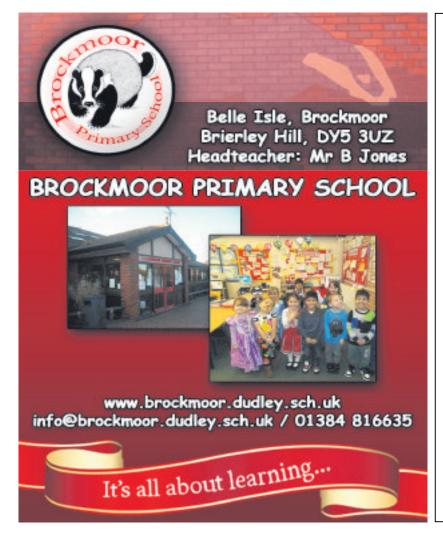
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Maria had been on kidney dialysis maria had been on kidney dialysis for 15 years after a previous attempt at a transplant with a stranger's organ failed.

Maudie, 55, of Stafford, who is occu-pational health nurse manager for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said: "As the years went on I became more and more sure that giving Maria one of my kidneys was the right thing to do. Every visit to Malta to visit

and drink intake and she was con-stantly on dialysis. Maria tried her best to not let it get in her way but there were lots of things she simply couldn't

do."
Maria, who has a rare genetic condi-tion, had the transplant at Guy's Hos-pital, London. She said: "I have to take anti-rejection drugs for the rest of my life. But my life has changed com-pletely for the better and I will be forever grateful to my auntie!"



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# **Brockmoor Primary School** - where every child and adult truly matters

We're a two - form intake school that is proud to serve the communities of Brockmoor, Crestwood and **Brierley Hill.** 

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Nursery and reception children of Brockmoor enjoying dressing up for Children In Need

loveable and the work of our Pastoral Care Team ensures that is at the forefront of our thinking.

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Albert Einstein once said the true sign of intelligence is not knowledge, it's imagination.

Brockmoor Primary School - where we imagine a better future.



# It's jingle tills as Christmas festivities launch towns' busiest shopping season

annual Christmas festival.

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The festive season arrived in Stourbridge on Saturday with the event which dominated the town's shopping centre. Fairground rides, market stalls and a steam engine featured at the festival.

At a stage put up in Lower High Street, entertainment was from a ukulele band, local singers and Stagecoach Theatre Group.

Deputy Mayor Margaret Aston took to the stage with Father Christmas to wish families a happy Christmas. She said: "It was an excellent event – the many families who came along all seemed to be enjoying themselves, there is nothing like getting everyone in the mood for Christmas."

As well as entertainment and a visit from Norman the Reindeer, the town centre shops were boosted by a surge in visitors.

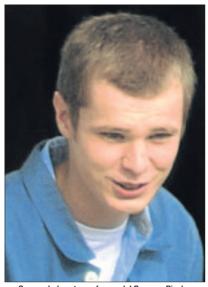
visitors.

Also on Saturday, the lights were turned on in Brierley
Hill town centre and on Friday residents and traders cele-brated the start of the festive season in Kinver.



The Christmas festival held in Stourbridge was a huge success on Saturday

# Graffiti vandal scrawled on a coach in traffic



STUNNED passengers caught up in a traffic jam looked on in dismay as a brazen graffiti vandal daubed their coach with 'tags'.

Prolific graffiti scrawler Creagan Piesley got out his marker pen and spray paint to deface the vehicle as it crawled along Worcester Street, Stourbridge, in heavy

traffic.

As members of the public also reported fresh graffiti on the walls of the nearby New Road subway, leading to Market Street, police officers gave chase on foot.

And they soon caught up with 20-year-old Piesley, who was already under a Crasbo – Criminal Antisocial Behaviour Order.

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This banned him from carrying 'graffiti tools' in public.

public.

At the time he was arrested, Piesley, of Hedge-field Grove, Colley Gate, was also already accused of daubing graffiti on door shutters at an architectural shop in Long Lane, Halesowen.

#### **Damage**

When he appeared before Dudley magistrates on Friday he admitted charges of criminal damage to the coach in Stourbridge on October 4 and to the shop called Inspired in Long Lane, Halesowen, on August 31.

He also admitted two charges of breaching a two-year Crasbo, which was imposed on him in Novem-ber 2011 for shoplifting and

He had originally denied

by Louise Jew

the latest offences but changed his plea.

Dudley magistrates gave him a five-month detention sentence, suspended for two years, warning him that if he did not stop daubing graffiti he would end up in prison.

He was also handed a new, two-year Crasbo, banning him from carrying marker pens, spray paint, or shoe

pens, spray paint or shoe polish, and ordered to carry

pens, spray paint or snoe polish, and ordered to carry out 100 hours of unpaid community work.

Dudley South Police Inspector Dez Lambert said much of Piesley's 'community payback' would be spent scrubbing graffiti from property in Halesowen and Stourbridge.

It is also plain that Piesley was certainly no Banksy, the celebrated graffiti artist.

Insp Lambert said: "We're not talking about creative, aesthetically-appealing artwork. This is criminal damage, which is upsetting residents and leaving them with hefty repair bills.

"Piesley's was the latest in a series of graffiti attacks that the council estimates

that the council estimates has cost them £6,000 on top of all the damage to private



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# **What's On!** Stourbridge

#### Singer-songwriter breaks the mould



Sunjay Brayne - live album

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big or very good. Sunjay
Brayne, from Brierley Hill,
is in the early stages of his
career so that rules the first
option out. Fortunately, he
scores on the latter – he is
that good.
The album made up of
two sessions at the

The album made up of two sessions at the Woodman Folk Club, Kingswinford, captures Brayne's smooth voice and reproduces faithfully his dexterous talent with guitar.

Brayne breaks the mould

dexterous talent with guitar.

Brayne breaks the mould in a lot of ways. He is a clean-cut Anglo-Asian, his mother comes from New Delhi and his father from the Midlands, and he has added a touch of blue to the Black Country. From opening track, Love You Like A Man, you will either be stomping your feet or you really don't get the blues at all. For someone who is only 20 his confidence on stage is impressive.

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The album is available for £12. See www.sunjay brayne.com

Danny Farragher

# **Festive classic to melt hearts** of all who say bah humbug

# It's Peace in our time

EXCITING Worcester-shire rock band Peace return to their adopted home city of Birmingham to finish their December UK tour in triumphant fashion in front of 3,000 fans at the 02 Academy on Friday December 13.

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The quartet made one of the most thrilling debut albums of the year with In Love and caused a stir with their appearance on Jools Holland's Later TV show. With a sound that is, according to singer Harry Koisser, "a bit 60s, a bit 80s, a bit 90s, a bit psychedelic", the band met up at Worcester sixth form college and bonded over a shared love of Led Zeppelin.

Peace features Kidderminster-born Koisser brothers Sam and Harry plus drummer Dom Boyce and lead guitarist Doug Castle.

Support at Birmingham will come from Shevicald

Support at Birmingham will come from Sheffield duo Drenge plus special guests.



much-loved A Christ-mas Carol aims to provide the perfect festive treat this Christmas at Birm-

Christmas at Diffi-ingham Rep.

The new staging of the festive classic opened this week and runs until January 4 at the revamped theatre, which is now part of the impressive new Birming-ban Uibrary complies. ham Library complex.

Family

Aimed at family audiences from aged seven upwards, the production will bring to life Dickers' heart-warming and slightly spooky tale of redemption and promises to banish all those Bah Humbugs with lashings of goodwill and Christmas cheer.

On a bleak Christmas Eve. London's meanest

On a bleak Christmas Eve, London's meanest miser Ebenezer Scrooge is his usual grumpy self. His only act of seasonal generosity is to offer his poor overworked clerk Bob Cratchit, Christmas day off. But as the clock strikes midnight his world will be turned upside down as three ghosts give him visions of a happy Christmas past, a harsh present and a terrifying future.

Matthew Ashforde with Guy Lewis as Bob Cratchit and Tania Mathurin as Mrs Cratchit.

Tania Mathurin as Mrs
Cratchit.

The professional cast will
be joined by an ensemble of
local actors.

A Christmas Carol will be
directed by Tessa Walker,
who has directed plays for
Hull Truck, Royal Exchange
and Soho Theatre.

Dickens' story has been
adapted by Bryony Lavery,
who wrote the awardwinning Frozen and has
adapted Chekhov. Jason
Carr contributed music and
lyrics, whilst the job of recreating Victorian London has
gone to designer 'Ti Green.

More seasonal delights
follow when The Rep stages
The Snowman from January
8 to 18.

There is an alternative at

8 to 18.

There is an alternative at The Rep's Door venue where Bernadette Russell performs her own story, 366 Days of Kindness. In response to the 2011 riots, she committed to be kind to a stranger every single day for a year. In a blend of drama and stand-up, Bernadette looks back via dinner party where guests dinner party where guests include the Dalai Lama, Aristotle and Princess Diana. It is staged from December 17 to 21.

#### **REVIEW**

Cabaret, Grand Theatre THE giant letters on the stage spelt out WILL KOM MEN, quite ironic AUM MEN, quite ironic as there was one very important thing missing on the opening night of Cabaret at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre – WILL!

ILL! Earlier in the dav Will Young had had to pull out of the performance due to illness and the announce-ment at the start brought a general groan from backed theatre.

packed theatre.
His replacement, Simon
Jaymes, who took on the
role of Emcee, did an
admirable job but in many
parts his voice simply was not strong enough. But if there was a very

But if there was a very good reason to 'come to the cabaret' enter Lichfield-born Siobhan Dillon as Sally Bowles. This role was perfect for her and her voice and acting were superb.

The story revolves

story revolves around an aspiring writer named Cliff Bradshaw (well played by Matt Rawle) who travelled to Berlin in search of inspira-tion when he met Sally Bowles at a cabaret called the Kit Kat Klub. She moves in with him

She moves in with him in a boarding house run by Fraulein Schneider (Lyn Paul - whose slightly weak voice at the start improved as the night went on) and her suitor, Herr Schultz (Linal Haft) a Jewish fruitshop owner. As the Nazis grew stronger, everything was thrown into disarray. Will returned on the Thursday night to finish the run.

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SATURDAY'S TV 7.12.13

#### What's On!



Atlantis BBC1, 8.15pm For those of us who grew up reading Greek myths, Medusa is a snake-haired Gorgon whose mere look can turn men to stone. But in Atlantis, she's the love of Hercules's life – and she's missing, having been kidnapped by cruel moneylender Kyros last week. Now he, Pythagoras and Jason are on her trail and turn to genius inventor Daedalus for help; what he gives them is a sense of hope. Unfortunately, their efforts to save Medusa have to be postponed for a while after they become unwittingly embroiled in the brutal blood sport of the Scythian tribe

6.00 BBC News; Regional News;

Weather.

 Pointless Celebrities.
 Alexander Armstrong presents an EastEnders special, with Nitin Ganatra, Rita Simons, Peter Dean, Todd Carty, Shaun

Rita Simons, Peter Dean,
Todd Carty, Shaun
Williamson, Lucy Speed and
Shona McGarty.
7.10 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess
Daly and Claudia Winkleman
present as the celebrities hit
the dance floor once more,
knowing success this week
will win them a place in the
semi-final.
8.15 Atlantis. The trio go in
search of the missing
Medusa, only to become
caught up in a tribe's brutal
blood sport – where they
themselves are the prey.
Robert Lindsay guest stars.
9.00 Casualty, Fletch has to
rescue a child from danger
when two brothers are
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seldes the truth about
her own relationship when
she restarts a patient's heart.
9.50 The National Lottery Live.
Christ Evans reveals the

9.50 The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results.

10.00 BBC News; Weather

10.00 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Newcastle United; National Lottery Update.

#### BBC<sub>2</sub>

6.00 This is BBC Two. 7.10 Film:
The Stars Look Down. (1940)
Drams. starring Michael Redgrave.
(1946) 10.20 The Sky at Night. (R)
10.40 Reel History of Britain. (R)
11.01 The Life of Birds. (R) 12.00
Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R)
12.45 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R)
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13.01 The Ato Z of TV
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Cooking. 10.10 The Cooking Semi-Inial
5.30 Flog It! (R)
6.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and
his platoon are put in charge
of manning an observation
post on a derelict pier, but
they are margoned when

of manning an observation opst on a derelict pier, but they are marooned when their boad drifts away. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine presents the concluding session of the second semi-final at the Barbican Centre in York, where the first player to reach nine frames will progress to the final. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.00 If XL. Extended edition. Victoria Coren Mitchell. Sue Perkins and the Rev Richard Coles join Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of unusual questions about knights and knaws.

about knights and knaves.

10.45 Film. Ai. Artificial
Intelligence. (2001) A robo
boy programmed to see his
owner as a parent tries to
become human, so the
"mother who rejected the
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"mother who rejected the
and Jude Law.

1.00 Film. Racing for Time. (2008)
Fact-based sporting drama,
directed by and starring Charles S
Dutton. 2.25 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: Babar and the
Adventures of Badou. 6.10 The Cat
in the Hat Knows a Lot About That.
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Horrid Henry. (R) 7.45 Text Santa:
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Surprise Surprise. (R) 12.40 Doc
Martin. (R) 1.45 Film: Babe.
(1995) 3.25 Film: Harry Potter and
the Chamber of Secrets. (2002)
6.20 Regional Programme;
Weather.
6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 ITV News; Weather

6.30 ITV News; Weather.
6.45 New You've Been Framed!
Harry Hill discovers an
illegitimate son and observes
strange mating rituals.
7.15 The Chase: Celebrity
Special. With Karen Barber,
Dick Strawbridge, Catherine
Tyldesley and Russell Kane.
8.15 The X Factor. The remaining
acts have been in rehearsals
all week and now the time
has come for them to show
the voting public why they
deserve a place in next

week's final.

9.45 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec send another camper home.

another camper notine:

10.45 The Jonathan Ross Show.
With Jack Dee, Olivia Colman
and Ellie Goulding.

11.50 ITV News; Weather.

12.05 FA Cup Football Highlights.

1.00 Jackpot247, 3.00 The Jeremy
Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.45 ITV
Nightscreen.

#### **CHANNEL 4**

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Ethiopian Run, 8.00 The Morning
Line. 9.00 The American Football
Show. 10.00 Frasier, (R) 10.30
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Raymond, (R) 11.30 The Big Bang
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(R) 5.40 Come Dine with Me. Chris
Newbold hosts the final night
on the Kent coast, hoping to
keep his guests entertained
with his impressive
motorbike collection and
international menu. (R)

6.45 Channel 4 News

international menu. (R)
6.45 Channel 4 News.
7.15 Film: Stephen Hawking: A
Brief History of Mine.
(2013) Premiere.
Documentary about the
renowned physicist's life and
work, from his schooldays to
be supported to the support of the support
50-year struggle with motor
neurone disease.
9.00 Film: Unknown. (2011) A
doctor wakes up from a
coma to find another man is
claiming to be him, and any
evidence of his real identity
has disappeared. Thriller,
starring Laum Neeson and
11.20 Film: Neds. (2010)
Premiere. A Studious
tenager in 1970s Glasgow
follows in his elder brother's
footsteps by joining a violent
street gang. Drama, starring
Conor McCarron and Gregg
Forrest.
1.40 Stand Up for the Week. (R)

1.40 Stand Up for the Week. (R) 2.25 Hollyoaks. (R) 4.35 90210. 5.15 Deal or No Deal. (R)

#### **CHANNEL 5**

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6.00 Milkshake! 10.05 Power
Rangers: Megaforce. 10.40 Finders
Slugters 11.05 Stobart: Trucks,
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Police Interceptors. (R) 1.00
Almost Dead: Scariest Near Misses.
(R) 2.00 Film: It's Christmas,
Caroll (2012) Fantasy, starring
Emmanuelle Vaugier. 3.45 Film:
Christmas Song. (2012) Premiere.
Romantic drama, with Natasha 3s.
Film: Matermaker Santa. (2012)
Premiere. Romantic comedy, with
Lacey Chabert and Adam Mayfield.
7.10 Film: Road to Christmas.
(2006) A woman hitch-hiking
to her wedding has second
thoughts after becoming
attracted to a man who gives

to her wedding has second thoughts after becoming attracted to a man who give her a lift. Romantic comedy drama, starring Jennifer Grey and Clark Gregg. Efflet for language.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 The Bible. Joshua lays siege to the walls of Jericho, Samson is betrayed by Delliah in his battle against the becomes a hero after deceasing Goliath.

10.55 Film: A Perfect Christmas. (2012) Premiere. An advertising executive meas a harough the second to life, and finds it has become her perfect man. Festive fantasy, starring Claire Coffee and Ryan McPartlin.

McPartlin.

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Helpline. (R) 5. 20 Angels of Jarm.
(R) 5. 25 The Funky Valley Show.
(R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)
5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R)

#### **DIGITAL**

BBC Three
7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes
7.10 The Best Sport Film Ever! 7.40
Top Gear Bolivia Special 9.00
Russell Howard's Good News 10.00
Kevin Bridges – The Story
Continues 11.00 Family Guy

7.00 Frozen Planet 8.00 Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History 9.00 Borgen 11.00 Glen Campbell: The Rhinestone Cowboy

17V2
3.30 You've Been Framed!
Christmas 4.00 I'm a Celebrity Get
Me Out of Here! 5.35 Film: Small
Soldiers (1998) 7.50 Film: Johnny
English (2003) 9.45 The Xtra Factor
10.45 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of
Here Now! 11.50 Fake Reaction
17V3
3.40 Film: Columbo: Etude in Black
(1972) 5.45 A Touch of Frost 8.00
Foyle's War 10.00 Bomb Girls
11.00 Film: Gorillas in the Mist
(1988)

1.00 Live Tennis. The Statoil Masters Tennis. 5.00 Police, Camera, Action! 5.30 GT Academy 6.30 I Want That Car 7.30 Live Tennis. The Statoil Masters Tennis. 10.30 Film: Scarface (1983)

4.00 How I Met Your Mother 5.00 The Big Bang Theory 6.00 How I Met Your Mother 6.30 Suburgator wet Your Mother 6.30 Suburgato 7.00 New Girl 8.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Rude Tube. A countdown of 50 internet video mash-ups. 10 no The IT o countdown of 50 internet video mash-ups. **10.00** The IT Crowd **11.05** The Inbetweeners Film4

11.09 The Investment of the King (1999) 6.25 Mall Street: Money Never Sleeps (2010) 9.00 Trading Places (1983) Comedy, starring Dan Aykroyd.
11.20 Monsters (2010) Sci-fi drama, with Whitney Able.

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#### What's On!

#### **SUNDAY'S TV** 8.12.13

#### **CHOICE**



**Anthony McPartlin** 

#### I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! ITV. 9pm

On paper, it has to be said, this year's line-up of contestants in I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! didn't look all too impressive. But in actual fact, bosses have cleverly thrown together some of the most mismatched personalities the series has seen vet. It must all come to an end at some point though, and after three weeks, tonight sees the winner crowned. No doubt the not-so-happy campers will be looking forward to catching that plane home after umpteen stomachchurning Bushtucker Trials and challenges.

6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Fern Britton Meets Day, (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show, 10.00 Fern Britton Meets John Simpson, 11.00 Sunday Politics, 12.15 MOTIZE Extra. 1.00 BBC News; Weather, 1.15 Bargain Hunt, 2.15 Homes Under the Hammer (R) 3.15 Escape to the Country, (R) 4.15 Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas, (R) 5.15 Songs of Praise, 5.50 BBC News; Regional News; Weather, 6.20 Countryfile. The team is in Cheshire, where John Craven visits Jodrell Bank Observatory, Helen Skelton meets fantasy author Alan Garner and Jules Hudson explores the wildlife of

earner and Jules Hudson explores the wildlife of Beeston Castle. Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Mighters Claudia Winkleman present as six become five, determining the line-up for next week's semi-final, and Robbie Williams performs.

8.00 The Paradise. French businesswoman Clemence is back in town, and finds back in town, and finds herself at the mercy of Tom, so Moray risks everything to be rid of his rival once and for all. Last in the series.

9.00 Britain and the Sea. David Dimbleby sails along East Anglia's coast to explore how the sea inspired artists, transformed architecture and created a uniquely British beach culture. Last in the

10.00 BBC News; Regional News;

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Arsenal

11.30 Film: The Good Shepherd.

#### BBC<sub>2</sub>

6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.40 Film: The Mouse That Roared. (1959) 8.00 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) 8.30 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) 9.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 10.30 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) 11.15 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) 11.15 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) 12.00 Live European Cross-Country Championships. 1.55 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The opening session of the final at the Barbican Centre in York.

Barbican Centre in York.

6.00 Flog It! Anita Manning and Adam Partridge value items including a Beswick wall mask at Sunderland's Stadium of Light, and Paul Martin visits Beamish Museum in Co Durham. (R)

Museum in Co Durham. (R)
7.00. Live Snooker UK
Championship. Hazel Irvine
Championship. Hazel Irvine
second session of the final at
the Barbican Centre in York,
where the first player to
reach 10 frames will be
crowned champion.
Subsequent programmes
subject to change.

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11.00 Hebburn. Sarah is shocked when her dad turns up and reveals he has left her mother, while Gervaise is not best pleased when Vicki invites Lindsay to help him record his debut album. (R)

record his debut album. (R)

1.30 Never Mind the Buzzocks.

Rapper Dizzee Rascal hosts the comedy music quiz, with Jamie Cullum, Aston Merrygold, Foxes and Katherine Ryan joining team captains Phill Jupitus and Captains Phill Jupitus and Noel Fielding. (R)

12.00 Fine Conkeys. 2010)

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3.10 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV. Babar and the Adventures of Badou. 6.10 The Cat Adventures of Badou. 6.10 The Cat CR Section 1.00 The CR Section 1.00 T

6.00 You've Been Framed!
Comical clips, narrated by
Harry Hill. (R)
6.30 Regional Programme;
Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

ITV News; Weather.

Coronation Street. Hourlong episode. Nick tells David
to leave the Street.

The X Factor Results.
Featuring performances by
Leona Lewis and Michael
Bublé.

I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec follow of Here! Ant and Dec follow the finalists' last 24 hours in the Australian jungle, reveal the results of the public vote and crown this year's winner. Last in the series. 10.05 ITV News; Weather. 10.20 FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from the concluding second-round fetures.

second-round fixtures.

11.05 Film: Red Heat. (1988)
Action thriller, starring
Arnold Schwarzenegger.
1.00 The Store. 3.00 Motorsport
UK. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The
Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

#### **CHANNEL 4**

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6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The
American Football Show. (R) 7.30
Snowman Triathlon. 8.00
Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R)
8.30 Film Simpsons. (R) 3.30 Film:
8.01 Simpsons. (R) 3.40 Film: City of
Endper. (2008) Fantasy adventure.
9.30 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Film:
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sculptures unearthed in 1974 and dating back more than 2,000 years.

9.00 Homeland. Brody embarks on a high-stakes mission, but his fragile condition threatens its success, while

about Carrie.

10.00 Film: Hanna. (2011)
Premiere. A teenage girl
trained by her father to be an
assassin travels the world on
a secret mission, pursued by
the CIA. Action thriller, with
Saoirse Ronan.

12.05 Fresh Meat. Vod's mother visits the housemates, Jose and Kingsley agree to wige the slate Kingsley agree to wige the slate Kingsley agree to wige the slate indi the only critic who gave her play a positive review. (R) 12.55 American Football Live. All the action from a match in the NFL, as the race to reach the end-of-season play-offs continues. 4.45 KOTV Boxing Weekly, Artur Szpilka v Mike Mollo. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

# **CHANNEL 5 DIGITAL** CHANNEL 5 6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Ebids Guppies. (R) 6.40 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.55 Chioles Closet. (R) 7.00 Roobarb and Gustard Tot. (R) Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.35 Extle and Ernie S Great Adventures. (R) 7.40 City of Friends. (R) 7.55 Little Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.40 Rupert Bear. (R) 8.56 Een and Holly's Little 8.56 Een and Holly's Little Rangers Samura: 10.35 Studerra. 11.00 Inside Hollywood. 11.05 Cowboy Builders. (R) 12.00 Film: Help for Christmas. (2012) 1.45 Film: Dear Santa. (2011) 3.30 Film: The Goonies. (1985) Ohldren's adventure, staring San (2010) Romantic Second World War drama, with Ben Affleck and Kate Beckinsale. 8.55 News Weekend. 9.00 Film: Robin Hood: Prince of Thives. (1991) An outlawed

Film: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves. (1991) An outlawed English nobleman recruits a

English nobleman recruits a group of bandits to fight for justice and protect the downtrodden. Action adventure, with Kevin Costner, Alan Rickman and Morgan Freeman. Edited for violence and language.

violence and language.
12.00 Film: Wrong Turn (2003)
Horror, starring Eliza Dushku 1.35
SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming, 3.05 The Gadget Show
Christmas Special. (R) 3.55
Wildlife SOS. (R) 4.20 Make It Big.
(R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.05
Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley
Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing
Car. (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R)

7.00 World's Craziest Fools 7.30
Top Gear India Special 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News 10.00 Family Guy 10.25 The Revolution Will Be Televised 10.55 Family Guy 11.15
American Dad!

Listings supplied by Press Association

BBC Four
7.00 The Bridges That Built Londo
with Dan Cruickshank 8.00 The
Review Show 9.00 Les Mream Matt Lucas Dreams the Dream 10.00 Film: Romantics Anonymous

ITV2
2.25 Film: The Little Vampire
(2000) 4.15 You've Been Framed at
Christmast 5.15 I'm a Celebrity Get
Me Out of Herel 6.20 Film: The
Perfect Storm (2000) 9.00 The Xtra
Factor 10.05 I'm a Celebrity Get Me
Out of Here Now! 11.05 Film: The
40 Year Old Virgin (2005)

ITV3 2.30 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Lewis 11.00 Blue Murder ITV4

4.00 Duck Dynasty 5.00 Live Tennis. The Statoil Masters Tennis. 7.45 World of Sport: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly 8.00 Gareth Bale: Welsh Galactico 9.00 Film: The Boat That Rocked (2009) 11.40 Eric Bristow: Sports Life Stories

E4
4.00 Film: Never Been Kissed
(1999) 6.00 The Big Bang Theory
7.30 Rules of Engagement 8.00
Film: A Knight's Tale (2001) 10.40
The Inbetweeners 11.50 The Big
Bang Theory
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3.20 The Golden Child (1986)
5.05 The Brady Bunch Movie
(1995) 6.50 Mission: Impossible
(1996) 9.00 Terminator 2:
Judgment Day (1991) 11.40 The
King of Pigs (2011)

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### What's On!

# **Film Choices**

#### Public Enemies, ITV, 11,10pm

Fact-based crime drama following the last years of John Dillinger, whose run of bank robberies and daring prison escapes in the 1930s make him both America's most wanted criminal and a hero to a public struggling most wanted criminal and a nero to a public struggling through the Depression. His career is soon to be cut short by the birth of the FBI, which assigns its most celebrated agent to bring him to justice. Directed by Michael Mann and starring Johnny Depp, Christian Bale and Marion Cotillard. (2009)

TUESDAY
Tyrannosaur, Channel 4, 11.10pm
An alcoholic unable to control his violent temper is struck when a charity shop worker responds to his verbal abuse with forgiveness. As they become friend he learns she is trapped in an abusive marriage and takes her in when she runs away. However, his destructive urges continue to plague him. Drama, starring Peter Mullan, Olivia Colman, Eddie Marsan, Paul Popplewell, Ned Dennehy, Samuel Bottomley, Sally Carman and Sian Breckin. (2011)



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#### WEDNESDAY

A burned-out detective is given the task of escorting a criminal to court to testify against a group of corrupt policemen - but what seems to be a routine assignment quickly turns into a deadly game of cat and mouse as the crooked officers try to stop them reaching the courthouse alive. Thriller, starring Bruce Willis, Mos Def, David Morse, Jenna Stern and Casey Sander. (2006)

#### Matchmaker Santa, Channel 5, 3.20pm

A woman is thrilled after her boyfriend invites her to his family's lake house for Christmas, but is disappointed when he spends all his time working. She befriends his assistant, but is unaware that he is secretly in love with her until a twist of fate leaves them alone together. Romantic comedy, with Lacey Chabert and Adam

# The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift, ITV, 10.35pm An American teenager is sent to live with his father in Tokyo after a brush with the law, but soon becomes involved in illegal street racing. When he ends up owing involved in liegal street racing, when he ends up owing money to gangsters after losing a race against a driver with Yakuza connections, he has to learn to master the Japanese style of driving to win and pay back his debts. Action adventure, starring Lucas Black, Bow Wow, Nathalie Kelley, Brian Tee, Kang Sung, Leonardo Nam,

Brian Goodman and Sonny Chiba, (2006)

#### **Pick of the Week**

# The stars come out to shine for a good cause

s you get older, it often feels as if the years pass by more quickly.

Or, if you're a showbusiness type, then the next Royal Variety Performance seems to come around faster than ever before.

Thank goodness, then, that it always features top quests always features top guests guaranteed to keep us coming back for more. Okay, so some of them can be a bit on the cheeps side, and there have been accusations in the past that the show is no longer relevant to modern audiences, but try telling that to the hundreds who see it live, and the millions who tune in to watch it on TV.

If variety happens to be the spice of your life, then this most or your life, then this most spectacular of extravaganzas is likely to pep up a cold Monday night's viewing no end with two and a half hours of the stuff of which showbiz legends are made.

In fact, it could be said that if you're not looking forward to this year's celebrity-packed extravaganza, then there ain't no pleasing you, or that you're (snooker) loopy...

Yes, headlining the event is Chas & Dave, the 'rockney' duo who've been entertaining us with their unique brand of musical unique brand of musical entertainment for the past 50 years. After almost two decades of silence, they returned to the album charts this year with That's What Happens,

but we're hoping they'll be playing some of their old hits here. It would be interesting to find out what Mary J Blige makes of them – she's also appearing, and we can't imagine that she's come across many similar acts in her native New

Gary Barlow, Jessie J, Olly Murs, Caro Emerald and Bryn Terfel are other musical performers on the bill, alongside comedians Jimmy Carr, Jason Byrne, Hal Cruttenden and Seann Walsh.

There are also special performances from stars of various West End musicals, current Strictly Come Dancing champion Flavia Cacace and Gareth Malone's new choir, Voices. And don't forget to look out for Attraction, the Hungarian dance troupe who won their slot on

the show by triumphing at Britain's Got Talent.

The whole event is being hosted by John Bishop, who's champing at the bit to take to the stage.

"As a child, the Royal Variety show was like the Grand National and the FA Cup final – it was something our family always watched, the only difference being that we didn't bet on the winner," says the Liverpudlian comic.

"To host a show with such heritage is something I never imagined I would do, and I trust my parents will be proud when they take their seats in the audience – although I have told my dad not to shout 'come on son't it's not a match or a horse race!"

Mhile the stars bask in their moment of glory, the reasons why the Royal Variety Performance weysts and the charity it raises money for rarely get a mention, so let's put that right – it's the Entertainment Artistes Benevolent Fund that benefits, and it deserves as much of a round of deserves as much of a round of applause as the stars we'll be watching on the night.



The Royal Variety Performance 2013, Monday, ITV, 7.30pm

### Best of the Rest

#### MONDAY Fresh Meat

#### Channel 4, 10pm

Throughout the ages, for as long as there have been students, there have been student protests – and Manchester Medlock University is no different, for this week Oregon rallies her pals to take action when she's outraged by the deportation of a Tunisian fellow scholar. Of course, the fact that he appens to be a bit of a hunk is purely oincidental... Meanwhile, Josie has a bit of a PhD risis, which results in her being held hostage by Sabine, and Vod has a particularly enlightening therapy session that far exceeds its bounds. And will JP ever manage to impress Sam? Not if his latest plan is anything to go by.

#### TUESDAY ast Tango in Halifax

BBC1, 9pm Celia is not the sort of woman you want to get on the wrong side of, as Judith (Ronni Ancona) finds to her cost in Sally Wainwright's ongoing comedy drama. After suffering a load of doorstep abuse, Judith realises Alan (who's on the phone n the background questioning baby Emily Jane's newly christened name) and Celia are the couple who waited 60 years to get married. Talking of which, they decide to tie the knot again so friends and family can attend the eremony this time instead of paying a copper and butcher to sit in. Meanwhile, Caroline (Sarah Lancashire) and Kate's (Nina Sosanya) romantic weekend turns sour, and their relationship winds

#### Heston's Great British Food

#### Channel 4, 9pm

from any chip shop?

Fans of the culinary alchemist have had a long wait for Heston Blumenthal's new series, but here it is at last. As you'll have gathered by the title, this new run celebrates Britain's iconic dishes. Yes good old roast beef and Yorkshire puddings are on the menu, but what batter, er better, start than fish and chips? With a dollop of inspiration from Henry VIII's chefs, he uses truffle, Madeira gel and sea urchin to create fake fish skin that will rest on a piece of turbot. But will he succeed in his goal of creating a bite-size portion containing the best bits

#### WEDNESDAY

# Sports Personality of the Year at 60 BBC1, 9pm Back in 1954, when the BBC Sports

Personality of the Year ceremony was first held. under 15,000 people voted. Now it's one of the biggest events on the sporting calendar. Here, former winners Princess Anne and her daughter Zara Phillips, David Beckham, Sebastian Coe, Bradley Wiggins, Paula Radcliffe and Steve Redgrave talk about their memories of holding the trophy aloft. Gary Lineker and Sue Barker also look back at tear-jerking moments involving Muhammad Ali and Bobby Robson, Whether this year's nony, which takes place next , will live as long in the

memory remains to be seen, but the show itself is sure to retain its status as a must for sports fans for many years to come.

#### THURSDAY

### British Comedy Awards 2013 Channel 4, 9pm

There was a time when it looked like great British sitcoms were a dying breed, but over the past year the genre has been in rude health. One of the most ubiquitous comics of recent months has been Jack Whitehall, with the double whammy of Fresh Meat and Bad Education boosting his profile no

and Dad Education Boosaing in spicine in order of the cond. Giving him a run for his money has been Bad Education co-star Sarah Solemani, who's also shone in sublime 'bedsitcom' Him & Her. Now we get to see who won what as the annual back-slapping ceremony, hosted by Jonathan Ross, gets underway. There are 16 categories, including Best New Comedy Programme; Best Male and

Female TV Comic: Best Comedy Entertainment
Personality; Best
Breakthrough Talent, and Best Comedy TV Actor and Actress

> FRIDAY Derren Brown: The Great Art Robberv Channel 4, 9pm

Derren Brown is a fan of the Thomas Crown Affair remake, because its climax bears some similarities to his latest stunt – although Derren is stealing a work of art, rather than putting it back. The idea is this: he will take a painting by Turner-nominated artists Jake and Dinos Chapman from under the nose of collector Ivan Massow. He will tell Ivan which painting he's targeting and the time of the theft, and even gives him a photo of the person who will take it. Derren has already chosen his crew, and they're not hardened career criminals – he handpicked a bunch of pensioners instead, the type of people you might pass every day without even noticing them.

#### BBC2, 10pm

We can't quite believe it's taken her this long, but comedy writer, performer and all-round national treasure Victoria Wood is making her QI debut. In any normal week, she'd be the undoubted star attraction, but some viewers may be more intrigued by the fact that she's being ioined by another first-timer. Richard Osmar On his quiz show Pointless, he's usually introduced as a bottomless pit of obscure knowledge, but will he live up to his billing on OI, or will he be thrown by a quiz where the name of game is to score as many points as possible, rather than as few? Perhaps fellow panellists Jason Manford and Alan Davies . can take advantage of any confusion as Stephen Fry asks the questions on this week's theme, the

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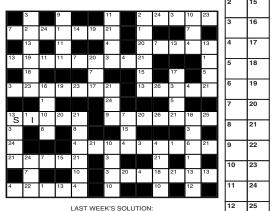
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#### Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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#### **Double Crossword**

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

#### **Cryptic Clues:**

#### Across

- 4. In a bad temper the day none came round (7)
- 8. Writer with a point
- wrongly (7)
- 10. One by one on the football field (6)
- 11. You need inspira
- tion to draw one (6) 12. The staidest form of
- dislike (8) 18. Rambling rose that gives varied resistance (8)
- 20. Young female accompanist (6)
- 21. Depression that shows in your face (6)
- 22. A breach of security
- 23. Packed as a pre caution (2,4)
- 24. Haircut that's in

#### Down

- 1. Lays out feasts (7)
- 2. Poetically upside down (7)
- 3. Entertainment that's a nice change to mother (6)
- 5. A bent one needs re-shaping, don't forget! (4,4) 6. Thinks of love and
- languishes (6) 7. Puts up a secret
- entanglement (6) 13. Not the more usual
- foreigner (8) 14. Temporary false
- tooth (4-3) 15. Guided a horse
- holding half the rein (7)
- 16. Statesmen may wear it with a black tie (6)
- 17. These creepers could be poisonous (6)
- 19. Possibly tore in from the East (6)

#### **Quick Clues:**

#### Across

- 4. Narration (7)
- 8. Aviator (6)
- 9. Blow up (7)
- 10. Shrewd (6)
- 11. Look upon (6)
- **12.** Surround (8) 18. Definite (8)
- **20.** Obvious (6)
- 21. Nuptial (6)
- 22. Clique (7)
- 23. Gusto (6)

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24. Keep under (7)

#### Down

- 1. Discussion (7) 2. Shield (7)
- 3. Subject (6) 5. Meeting (8)
- 6. Constrain (6)
- 7. Disposition (6)
- 13. Hypercritical (8)
- 14 Scorn (7)
- 15. Rich (7)
- 16. Control (6)
- 17. Superior (6)
- 19. Country of the Middle East

#### Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 all the digits from 1 to 9.



LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIIC - Across: 1 Disposition 9 Oil; 10 Narration; 11 Repel; 13 Bengal; 14 Danish; 16 Larratio; 11 Repel; 13 Pengal; 14 Danish; 16 Last; 22 Head-driesses. Down: 2 Ill; 3 Panel; 4 Scribe; 5 Trainer, 6 Oilgarchy; 7 Comradeship; 8 Anti-federal; 12 Pineapple; 15 Starred; 17 Repair, 19 Pates; 21 Lie. OUICK - Across: 1 Pathfinders: 9 Pet; 10 Reputable; 11 Nasty; 13 Resolve; 14 Overdo; 16 Aspire; 18 Artiste; 19 Dined; 20 Entertain; 21 Con; 22 Free and easy. Down: 2 Apt; 3 Hardy; 4 Impart; 5 Detests; 6 Rebellion; 7 Opinionated; 8 Never-ending; 12 Spectator; 15 Deserve; 17 Retain; 19 Dunce; 21 Cos.





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parking.
In the lounge is a fireplace with electric fire, while the



kitchen has a gas oven, electric ceramic hob, microwave oven, fridge, dishwasher, electric under floor heating, part-tiled walls and a tiled floor plus a store or pantry.

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#### EGGINGTON ROAD WOLLASTON

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PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

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# Motoring

**Compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters** 

# **Snow forecast? Then the Peugeot 2008** could just be the affordable answer

### Drive time with Graham Breeze

JUST a few months after being impressed on the launch of the Peugeot 2008, I took another look and again came away with a good feeling

about this new arrival.

On test was the 2008 Feeline 1.6 e-HDi 115 version and I was so taken with the option I have already recommended it to a relative looking to

aiready recommended it to a relative looking to buy.

This 2008 is a real money saving alternative for those seeking the assurance of four wheel drive performance because it comes completes with Peugeot's superb new "grip control" as standard. This system optimises traction in poor grip conditions and puts this crossover into a different league when combined with the 165mm ground clearance and advanced traction control. The system works because grip control transfers torque to the tyre with the most grip in a scrab-

bling manner allowing the 2008 to even negotiate a ski slope. It comes as standard with Allure and Feline trims, or is a £300 extra on lower-spec

models.

The SUV crossover currently occupies less than seven per cent of the European B-segment but this is just the type of vehicle to see sales

but this is just the type of vehicle to see sales spiral upwards.

The challenge to all producers in this sector is to provide something distinctive and Peugeot have got things just right. Not only does the 2008 have the cutting edge with the new "grip" system but it also have given beach to see but it also has winning looks too.

#### Scrabbling

Inside Peugot has developed a new look too with the fascia capping covered in a silky material and a brilliant aircraft style handbrake situated

and a brilliant aircraft style handbrake situated close to the easy-to-handle grip control system. The 2008 shares 67 per cent of its underbody with the 208 hatchback but has longer body over-hangs. It's 200mm longer, 96mm taller and 25mm as well as 162mm more ground clearance. If you are a driver needing lots of rear room then the 2008 should be on your radar. While the rear seating isn't the most comfortable in the sector everything folds completely flat to offer 1,194 litres of space. All versions get ESP as well as

anti-skid, stability control, emergency braking and electronic brakeforce distribution. All round air bags are standard.

There are four badge levels, Access, Active, Allure and Feline, a choice of eight colours and a comprehensive range of petrol, diesel and e-HDi  $\,$ 

The 1.6e-HDi 115 Feline had a top speed of 117mph and 0-62mph in 10.4 seconds and a stop-start system. Running costs are low, emissions are impressive at just 106g/km and there are remarkable fuel consumption figures of  $70.6 \mathrm{mpg}$ 

on the combined cycle.

Many models in the B-sector demonstrate a lot of body roll on the open road and the Peugeot is no exception but things weren't as bad as expected.

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tin-top version of the British luxury car builder's new model is expected to hit UK showrooms next March. The all-aluminium F-Type Coupé— the most capable, performance-focused sports car that Jaguar has ever produced—is available in three ver-sions: F-Type R, F-Type S and the F-Type.

The car, styled by long-standing Jaguar design boss Ian Callum, gains the same V6 petrol motor as the Roadster, however there's a tweaked V8 for the flagship F-Type R boasting a considerable 542bhp.

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As with the roadster, all coupés share the firm's now familiar eight-speed auto gearbox, although the Rspeed auto gearbox, atthough the Krspec car gains a number of trick electronic packages to better manage its extra power.

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# Personals personal

#### SPORT

# Old Hales let victory slip away from them

Hinckley 30
Old Halesonians 1sts 26
OLD Halesonians travelled
to Hinckley for a difficult
fixture on the back of a loss to Broadstreet last week, Hales dominated from the

Hales dominated from the kick off and even opened the scoring with Chris Hooper. This continued for much of the first half with Joe Oxford spriting for the line to score

to score.

Hinckley fought back to force two penalties for infringement, both con-

The second half started in the same way Luke Smith taking the score to 6-19.

taking the score to 6-19.

The home side started to get their act together and were awarded a try 50 minutes into the game. On 65 minutes Hooper dummied to break through for his second try.

Then Hales conceded another which was converted. Hales were penalised for collapsing the maul and penalty try was awarded.

Hinckley again drove

Hinckley again drove forward to the visitors line, a maul ensued with all of the home team taking part to drive over in the dying minutes,

# Tivs let the opposition get back in

Tividale FC 1
Westfields FC 1
IN WHAT was their 100th Midland Football Alliance fixture, Tividale will feel these were definitely two points dropped after dominating this game but failing to finish off Westfields.
Once again Tividale started at a tempo before man of the moment Nathan Waite extended his run of goalsto put Tividale 1-0 up.
The second half was much the same with Tividale threatening but not converting. Westfields were growing in confidence.
As the chances came and went there grew an inevitability that this was not going to end 1-0 and if Tividale did not score Westfields would.

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fields would.

Westfields won another avoidable free kick on the edge of the Tividale box. Up stepped Jones and this time his cross was met by centre back Phil Glover whose-header came off the crossbar but Westfields' Dene Whit-still.Williams reacted and tall-Williams reacted and

# Championship boxing makes a return

CHAMPIONSHIP boxing returned to Wolverhampton Civic Hall at the weekend with Leicestershire fighter Louis Norman becoming the new English flyweight title holder.

Shenshed's Y

Shepshed's Norman took the belt after coming on strong in the second half of a 10-round fight against Northampton's Nathan Reeve, taking the decision with all three judges.

Robert Chalmers had it close at 96-95, John Keane decided on 97-94 and Terry O'Connor scored 97-93. Going the distance took nothing away from a big battle

between the two little men. The card's other title fight saw Burton's Tom Shaw shed blood, sweat and tears to be crowned British Masters Bronze welterweight champion, in a fight contested over eight rounds.

He was sliced over

He was sliced open by a clash of heads in the second round but battled on to lose just one round against Chesterfield's Kris Davey, deservedly handed the spoils by 79-73 with Chalmers.

On the under-card, Tipton's Ricky Summers finished a night-mare 2013 with a bang as a first round stoppage marked his first

#### by Craig Birch

inside-the-distance victory as a

The light heavyweight bashed about the only-once-stopped Joe Walsh, with a clubbing right hook that made him sink to the canvas.

that made him sink to the canvas. Walsh rose but returned to his knees, clearly in great pain, with Chalmers taking action to end the bout in just 142 seconds.

Wolverhampton's Des Bowater scored a hard-fought super featherweight victory over a capable adversary in Swindon's Joe Beeden. A points shut-out was

'The Wednesfield Warrior' had to battle to take all of the four

Bloxwich's Luke Paddock added the experienced Graham Fearn to his winning record as he moved to 5-0 as a professional at light welterweight.

erweight.
Redditch's Andrew Robinson, a
product of Lions ABC in Dudley,
bloodied the nose of Mark Till as he
also recorded a four-round points
landslide.

Swadlincote's Craig Wilshee dropped Luke Osman twice in the third round of their super mid-

dleweight contest to score 40-34 on points with Chalmers.

In the show's opener, debutant Paul Holt saw off Michael Stupart, again at super featherweight. The heavy-handed Brummie had his

neavy-handed Brumme had his opponent running for cover to win by 40-36 on points.

Meanwhile, amateur super heavyweight Lloyd Ransom bowed out of the ABA Novice competition at the national semi-final stage after a majority points defeat on Saturday afternoon.

Cleaner work from Luke Watkins, from Fitzpatrick's in Swindon, led him to the final.

# New boys Rushall overcome

by Stour
DUDLEY Division One team started their season with a visit to Rushall who were playing their first season in Dudley.
Nick Arkell out-graded his young opponent, but the

young opponent, but the other three boards were all very evenly matched. On board three club secre-

tary Dave Scriven gained an overwhelming position only to play the one losing move in the quickplay finish and lost

lost.
Fortunately the rest of the team were more than able to compensate for this. On board four Paull Sharratt played out a solid draw.
On board two Eric Horwill

won an important pawn in the opening then played with his typical aggressive flair to win a bishop and win

flair to win a bishop and win an exciting game.

As usual Nick Arkell showed his flair in a blitz finish to bring home the win meaning Stourbridge won the match 2½-1½.

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# Ruby runs in first for last round

STOURBRIDGE club runner Ruby Ooi finished first in her age category in the North Staffordshire Cross Country League.

The last race of four was held in Leek at the weekend and was hosted by Staffordshire Moorlands Athletic Club.

The ladies team consist-The ladies team consist-

The ladies team consist-ing of Joan Clarke, Natalie Dellar and Ruby Ooi also did well, with Joan Clarke picking up 41st place with a time of 28.39.

Joan also took part in the Cardigan Craker at the weekend. Hosted by Telford Athletic Club, its a tough nine-mile, fell race, climbing 2,600 feet in the Shropshire hills.

Joan finished second in her age category. The club also had 10 athletes in the

also had 10 athletes in the men's team. First to cross the line in a First to cross the line in a Walters, next was Matt Cooper with 37.36 and then we had Adrian Hingley with a time of 37.40.

# Lions sink their teeth into the league leaders

STOURBRIDGE Lions welcomed the league leaders Earlsdon to Stourton Park on Saturday for what was a must win game to reignite

their recently stalled promotion push.

Earlsdon had been beaten only once this season and must have fancied their chances of further cementing their table topping position. From the kick off the visitors tore into Stourbridge and soon scored their first try following a lucky

Stourbridge and soon scored the bounce.

The Lions quickly roared back as No.8 James, 'Monster', Meakin crashed over in the seventh minute. Earlsdon responded with a well-taken try after several phases of play. The kick made the score 12 -5 to the league leaders, back came the Lions however, through the Lions however, through another try by flanker Scott Langdon which was con-verted by winger James Mitchell.

Mitchell. The game was still only 26 minutes old and both sides were playing breathtakingly open and adventurous rugby. Strong Earlsdon pressure soon led to a missed midfield tackle and another try which was answered yet again by one from James

again by one from James Mitchell leaving the scores even at half time. Just five minutes into the second half winger Danny 'Coggy' Cox scored with fly half Sam Wilson slotting the extra points.

half Sam Wilson slotting the extra points.
Earlsdon were even more shell-shocked when Meakin went over again a little later.
The Lions then entered into 'seventh heaven' with a second try for Scott

#### Rugby

Langdon. The visitors however, are not top of the league for nothing and they gathered themselves to score again.

Score again.

But once more The Lions hit back with firstly centre Harry 'Sunshine' Wainwright and then captain Stuart Doolittle scoring further tries to put the seal on a pulsating display of attacking rugby which was played in a great spirit.

After the game Captain Doolittle said: "We are delighted with the result, running in nine tries is a very good effort in this league, especially against the league leaders." • The Lions Seconds had

◆ The Lions Seconds had so many players available they took two sides to Kidderminster, the A team winning 41-0 against their Seconds and the B team victorious 23-17 against their Thirds. The victories were rounded off by the Lions Thirds (The Grasshoppers) enjoying a thumping 72-0 Merit table victory over Ross on Wye Seconds.

#### Revenge is denied Saxons side as tries pile up Darlington Mowden Park 38

Stourbridge Saxons 8
THE Saxons were seeking to avenge last season's loss.

With Mowden Park just 2 points behind in the table this second versus third clash in National 2 North

clash in National 2 North was truly a 10-point game. The honours went to the hosts, who delivered an out-standing display of clinical intensity that shut down the Saxons' attacking game for long stratches.

Saxons' attacking game for long stretches.

Up against a well-organised home defence the visitors struggled to get on the front foot, with their scrum under pressure until late on they also came off distinctly second best in a fiercely contested breakdown area. tested breakdown as Stuttering

After stuttering starts by both sides the hosts' impres-sive scrum half Smith kicked for position and a Saxons' handling error gifted DMP scrum feed.

scrum feed.

The ball was eventually fed to flanker Riley to score.

A Saxons' ruck penalty then gifted DMP's outside half Connon a further three resists.

points.
The Saxons secured a lineout ball near halfway and moved it right into contact before working it back left to Gary Dipple who stepped inside to make a



clean line break. The ball was worked left to Jamie Hearn who did well to force his way over despite the attention of three defend-ers. DMP hit back when ers. DMP hit back when hooker Doneghan crashed over near the posts this was followed by Smith who spotted a gap inside the stretched defence to barge

over.
With the clock ticking towards half time the Saxons grabbed three points from Hearn's boot.

The Saxons started the second half promisingly, stringing together multiple phases that pulled the defence left and right. However, DMP advanced steadily downfield on the front foot, driving defenders backwards in the collisions

Both sides committed

handling errors, giving DMP a scrum from which Smith broke, the ball was worked to centre Mitchell whose shimmy wrong-

match against Darlington footed the defence and he took the outside line to score the bonus point try. Unable to drive their maul DMP worked an overlay down the short side for prop Appleby to score. The Saxons continued to press attacks which the hosts were happy to repea. A big tighthead drive by Tom May forced DMP to cough up their own scrum

cough up their own scrum ball but Dipple's specula-tive wide kick just evaded Farrington's grasp.

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# Sales of tickets for cup clash booming

STOURBRIDGE look set to be backed by almost 1,000 fans when they attempt an FA Cup giant-killing at Stevenage this Saturday.
The Glassboys have already sold half of their 1,400 allocation for the second round tie at the Lamex Stadium and hope to sell several hundred more in the next few days.

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With an attendance of around 3,000 expected at the game, it means Stour's following could make up at least a third of the crowd.

Chairman Andy Pountney said: "We are really pleased with how sales have gone so far and we are hoping to sell a few more in the coming days," he said.

"There is a real buzz

a few more in the coming days," he said.
"There is a real buzz around the place at the

around the place at the minute.

"Without a doubt memories of two years ago when we played away at Plymouth are fresh in the mind. There seem to be a lot of noticeable similarities with that game.

"We've never got to the third round of the cup before and we are certainly going there with plenty of confidence."

Tickets are on sale at the Tickets are on sale at the Milk Bar, Stourbridge Lower High Street between 11am and 5pm. They will also be available from Stour's War Memorial Ground from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Thursday and again from the Milk Bar on Friday until 2pm. Prices are £20 for adults, £17 for over-60s, £10 for under-21s and £5 for under-16s. Separate coach tickets

16s. Separate coach tickets are also on sale at the price of £10.

# Time to stop

JUMP jockey Charlie Huxley, from Brineton, near Shifnal, has called time on

his riding career.
The 26-year-old, who won
the Scottish Grand National

the Scottish Grand National in 2008, had ended up as one of many jockeys who are struggling for rides.

"It was getting really tough," said Huxley. "There are about 50 or 60 others who are in the same position as me.

"I just decided it was the right time to to call a halt. It wasn't an easy decision to make and it took me a long

tume."

Huxley said the jump racing game is dominated by a group of top jockeys, while the rest have to wait.

"I wasn't prepared to sit back and waste another year," he added.

OHHC 1sts 7 Wolverhampton 2
OLD Halesonians Hockey Club returned to
Great Park, as their recent pitch wees continued.

They hosted bottom of the league Wolver-

They hosted bottom of the league Wolverhampton, who were still searching for their first points of the season.

Hales knew they must not be complacent, as they had previously lost to Wolverhampton in a pre-season friendly, and they got off to a good start when Paul Woodall converted from a penalty corner to make it 1-0 to the hosts.

Wolverhampton continued to put up a good fight, before Woodall turned provider

as he got the assist on a Tom Bulteel goal, as the striker made it 2-0 before half time.

the striker made it 2-0 before half time.
Early in the second half, Man of the Match
Woodall got his second of the game, as he
fired the ball hard into the net over the
diving Wolverhampton goalkeeper.
At 3-0, Hales started to cruise and a
couple of mistakes led to Wolverhampton
scoring twice from penalty corners, as they
attempted a comeback.

With just one goal difference Hales were motivated back into action, as they turned

up the intensity and increased the pressure

up the intensity and increased the pressure on the visitors.

Old Hales scored twice in quick succession, with Tom Durnford scoring the first from close range.

Harry Hughes then grabbed Hales' fifth of the game, when he scored one of the best goals ever from a seemingly impossible angle following a quick breakaway attack.

Wolverhampton were demoralised and struggled to create any further chances, and as Hales continued to move forward, Bulteel completed his hat-trick with two goals before the final whistle.

Hales dominated the game, and Bulteel

grabbed his second of the game to make it 6-2. With just minutes to go he completed his hat-trick, but not before taking three attempts to find the net after hitting the post and goalkeeper before flicking hard into the goal to finish the game off.

Hales will be pleased they were able to bounce back from their defeat last week to come to a win and will feep into the graph.

bounce back from their deteat last week to ease to a win, and will face joint league leaders Worcester this weekend. Other Results: Edgbaston 5 OHHC 2nds 1; Kings Heath 1 OHHC Ladies 2nds 3; OHHC 3rds 1 Har-borne 9; Harborne 5 OHHC 4ths 1; OHHC 5ths 1 Old Silhillians 3.

# Hales keep bottom-placed Wolves pointless Sports in the points with Reds

Dudley Sports 2 Willenhall 1 THE Lockmen got no reward for their efforts after

reward for their efforts after dominating long stretches of the West Midlands Premier match at Dudley Sports. They could have scored within 15 seconds of the start but an awkward bounc-ing effort from Tony Clift was taken by Dominic Richards. was taken by Dominic Richards.

Clift then rolled an effort

beyond the post on three minutes before Eddie Wilson saw his goal-bound effort blocked and Clift's

effort blocked and Clift's follow-up was well saved. Sports threatened on 10 minutes when an overhead kick from Craig Tibbetts was well caught by Steve Booth.

A minute later, the visitors had the lead when Clift and Wilson combined before the latter set up Scott Harris who fought his way to the byline and pulled the ball back for Simon Laidley to net.

back for Simon Laidley to net. Within a minute, Sports were level when a hopeful ball down the left saw Tom Rann slip and Alex Welch raced on to score. On 14 minutes, Sports struck again; this time a ball was played out right, 30 yards from goal, and Tom Overfield produced a stun-ning, dipping strike that

ning, dipping strike that flew right in the top right hand corner of Booth's net. Both sides had plenty of chances to increase the enances to increase the scoreline in the second-half. Efforts by Clift and Wilson produced fine saves and Laidley headed just

Both sides had plenty of chances to increase the scoreline in the second-half, Booth made two double saves when left one-on-one with attackers and his oppo-site number did brilliantly to deny a pile driver.

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# BENBOW HAT-TRICK BOOSTS GLASSBOYS

STOURBRIDGE slammed seven goals past Weymouth in their final home match before their big FA Cup game at Stevenage this coming weekend.

A focussed Glassboys side made a bright start and they were rewarded with the opening goal of the

they were rewarded with afternoon on 12 minutes. Ben Billingham split the visiting defence with his pass that played Ryan Rowe in through the right channel area and he dinked the ball past the advancing Jason Matthews as he went to ground into the far corner of the net.

Seven minutes later Wev-

Seven minutes later Wev-Seven minutes later Wey-mouth responded with Ben Joyce turning smartly in the left-hand corner of the box, but he hit his low shot straight at home custodian Dean Coleman.

Stourbridge retaliated with Rowe laying the ball off

with Rowe laying the ball off to Billingham and he hung up his cross towards Drew Canavan, but he sent his header over the bar.

Then Luke Benbow was found in space and he burst into the left-hand side of the area before slipping his shot under Matthews' body as he was closed down by Michael Walker.

Weymouth were undone by a Coleman goal-kick that bounced over the head of

bounced over the head of Nathan Walker to let in Benbow

Benbow.
He got the better of Ashley
Wells before neatly clipping
the ball over Matthews to
finish and then in the 39th
minute Haynes played the
ball down the right-flank to
Billingham and he touched
the ball inside past Michael

#### Football

Walker before tucking away

walker belofe ticking away a low angled left-foot drive past Matthews.

Weymouth began the second period positively and almost pulled a goal back.

almost pulled a goal back.
However, Benbow completed his hat-trick with a
shot from 20 yards after
Rowe had been stopped on
the edge of the box that
Matthews got a hand to as he
dived away to his left, but he
couldn't keep the ball from
finding the net.

Four minutes from time

Four minutes from time Chris Knight marked his return to the Stourbridge fold with the sixth goal of the afternoon as Haynes again drove purposely forward and he fired in a low cross-shot that Knight fired in at the far post

far post

Washbourne made no
mistake in the first minute
of stoppage time as he was
released clear to advance
into the left-hand side of the
box and bury a low shot past
Matthews to complete a
resounding Stourbridge
victory. victory.

Tickets for the Glassboys Tickets for the Glassboys visit to Stevenage on Saturday in the 2ndRound Proper of the FA Cup are still on sale and can be purchased from the Milk Bar in Lower High Street, Stourbridge.



Ben Billingham grabs the fourth for Stourbridge



A happy hat-trick star Luke Benbow scores

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